



COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Formosa Straits

NEWS from London that "ceasefire efforts" have reached a deadlock is less a cause for pessimism than the reports would seem to suggest. The words "ceasefire efforts" are, in this sense, not sufficiently explicit to convey the true nature of the proceedings in Moscow and Peking between British, Indian, Chinese and Soviet diplomats. Talks there have been certainly but these were more of an informal nature and were designed chiefly to clarify the Communist attitude. Obviously interested Western parties now know the basic requirements the Communists are demanding as a preliminary to formal ceasefire talks. This is an essential prerequisite to the calling of a new East-West conference. It may be argued that the moment is inopportune for such talks for undoubtedly the greatest stumbling block (and it has been all along) is the failure to bring an end to the island war off the China coast.

UNLESS and until the West is able to provide some guarantee that these rocky outcrops will be abandoned as points of needless aggravation, the essential preliminary of reducing tension cannot be fulfilled. It is doubtful whether any alternative has been or can be seriously considered. The onus is therefore thrown back on to Washington for some conciliatory gesture. Meanwhile, American policy on retaliation in the event of an attack upon Matsau and Quemoy continues to be vague and it is possible to read into recent State Department statements the possibility of a major crisis in the event of a Communist attack. Possibly this will not eventuate for some months—at least until China is militarily prepared. The Nationalists and their allies therefore may have a breathing space which they would be foolish not to utilise by withdrawing from an ultimately untenable position—in the interests of world peace.

OF interest is the suggestion that Australia may play some role as "mediator between America and India" in the Formosa situation. The suggestion that two Commonwealth countries, though apparently far apart in their views on this problem, might be able to achieve agreement where plain speaking between America and Britain has so far failed is specious. Yet the move opens up various possibilities and the likelihood of Australia acting as a moderating influence upon Washington (even in her presentation of India's "peace-making" case) offers a new and possibly optimistic prospect.

The reported ceasefire plan discussed in Washington between Mr. Menzies and the American administration is termed "new". In fact, it is not. Disengagement of skirmishing between Nationalists and Communists is a principle which Britain has consistently advocated and the only importance in the announcement of this principle in Washington lies in the recognition that the coastal war must be brought to an end by the renunciation of the islands.

The re-emergence of the two China concept at this stage of the proceedings is, unfortunately, it is an idea Britain has consistently rejected and it will not endear the Communists to any ceasefire plan if they consider that it entails the preservation of the Nationalists as an isolated, yet hostile political faction vying with Peking for the affection of China's teeming millions.

NEW FORMOSA



MR MENZIES

Bevan's  
Dismissal  
Rumpus

London, Mar. 20. Uproar broke out at a meeting of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party in Glasgow on Sunday when delegates objected to the chairman's refusal to accept a motion protesting against the exclusion of left-wing leader Mr. Aneurin Bevan from the Parliamentary Labour Party. The chairman declared that the meeting was solely to examine questions of Labour policy. Party-President Dr. Edith Summerskill added that for the general good, majority decisions should be respected. PROPOSAL CRITICISED Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the British Labour Party, today described as "nothing less than an attempt to form a party within a party" the plans of the Margate branch of the Labour Party to call a conference for May 15 to discuss the expulsion of left-wing leader Mr. Aneurin Bevan. Mr. Phillips said, "If the project is proceeded with, it will be a matter of serious concern to the National Executive, and does appear to be nothing less than an attempt to form a party within a party." The Margate Labour Party branch announced yesterday it would call for the conference of local sections to be held at Margate. Mr. Bevan was expelled last Wednesday from the Labour Party Parliamentary Group on a charge of lack of discipline. —France-Press.

4 LOSE LIVES  
IN FLOODS

Peshawar, Mar. 20. Four people have lost their lives and scores were reported missing in severe floods in Shindbarra, Afghanistan, messages reaching here today stated. Hundreds had lost their homes. Small tributaries of the Helmand River, in the south, near Grishik, were reported on the rampage, and to have caused severe damage to property. Reliable reports describing the destruction in dozens of villages in the Shindbarra area, said that houses were being washed away or had collapsed. —France-Press.

ASSASSINATION PLOT:  
THREE ARRESTS MADE

Hyderabad, Mar. 20. Mr. Ghulam Ali Talpur of the Sind Provincial Assembly and two prominent Assembly members were arrested tonight in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate provincial ministers and create widespread disturbances in the Province. An official announcement said the other two men arrested were Mir Ali Nawaz Talpur, the Speaker's brother, and Pir Miftah Bux, former Chief Minister of Sind Province. More arrests were expected. Opposition leaders said

Evolved  
By Eisenhower  
& Menzies  
TWO OBJECTIVES

Washington, Mar. 20. Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, flew from Washington today on his way back to Canberra to report to the Cabinet on a new plan for ending tension in Asia and particularly the "little war" in the Formosa Strait. He was seen off by Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, and as the two statesmen shook hands at the airport, they were overheard to agree that the Prime Minister's visit had been "of the utmost importance and very valuable." Mr. Menzies will give details of the plan to a special meeting of the Australian Cabinet on March 30.

The new formula was worked out in a week of conferences between Mr. Menzies, President Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles and other United States leaders. Details are secret, but the objectives of the plan are: 1. Disengagement of the skirmishing between Nationalist and Communist Chinese forces in the Formosa Strait. 2. A formal or de facto ceasefire, with the possibility of two Chinas being recognised in world councils.

Mr. Menzies will spend two days in San Francisco before flying on to Canberra. He has left himself free of official engagements and was expected to spend most of his time on the west coast working out his report to the Cabinet.

Observers here said today that the Prime Minister left Washington with the personal conviction that President Eisenhower would do anything to avoid war with the Chinese Communists, of compromising the international integrity of the United States.

BIGGER COMMITMENTS No communique was issued at the end of the conference, but Mr. Dulles told reporters today that he would have something to say about them at his weekly press conference next Tuesday. One of the most important aspects of the Washington talks from the Australian viewpoint was the projected increased defence commitments Australia will assume in the Western Pacific, observers said.

This will include commitments in Malaya and a major role for Darwin in Northern Australia as a potential allied air base. Observers believe that the role allotted to New Zealand, Australia and British forces to be stationed in Malaya would be that of shock troops. Their primary task would be to move quickly into positions to support local forces attacked by Communist forces.

United States was reported to have undertaken to hold available but uncommitted, powerful units to help fill the power vacuum south of Communist China.

TACTICAL FORCE One of these mobile units would be a tactically atomic bombing force now stationed in Manila. These flexible units would move quickly to Malayan air bases which the British Commonwealth forces have undertaken to enlarge and modernise. Mr. Menzies was authoritatively reported to have reached substantial agreement with President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles on the use of tactical atomic weapons in the event of a major Communist attack. —Reuters.

Dorothy  
Leaves For  
London

Jampala, Uganda, Mar. 20. Dorothy, four-year-old daughter of the Kabaka of Buganda, left Entebbe by air today for London, where she will be treated for the after-effects of an attack of polio myelitis. "Thousands" of Africans, singing the Buganda national anthem, gathered at the airport to see her off. The child will stay in London with her father. She will be treated for paralysis, which has affected her legs. —Reuters.

Both Sides  
Censured

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 20. The Mixed Armistice Commission today censured both Egypt and Israel for border incidents following the Gaza flare up now before the United Nations Security Council.

The Commission condemned Egypt for an "act of aggression" on March 13 when a "trained group of Egyptians" crossed the demarcation line into Israel and mined a track, destroying a lorry.

Israel was condemned for an incident on March 9 when an Israeli patrol fired across the lines. They wounded an Arab farmer and later crossed the lines to capture him and take him back into Israel.

The Commission requested Israel to return the farmer to Egypt immediately. —Reuters.

Agitation To  
Annul Clause

Washington, Mar. 20. The opinion seems to be steadily growing in American quarters that the United Nations should call for a referendum on the Korean armistice. The United Nations would be justified in securing this referendum because of "constant violations" of the clause in question by North Korea.

Reporters available in Washington said some 40 new airfields had been built in North Korea since the signing of the Panmunjom armistice. Communist China was said to have increased North Korea's war potential after the armistice with deliveries of large numbers of jet planes, tanks and heavy cannons. —France-Press.

STRAITS PLAN

South Vietnam Cauldron:  
Leader Of Private Army  
Predicts Hostilities

Saigon, Mar. 20. General Bacut, youthful leader of the Hoa Hao Buddhist sect, which is defying the Government of Roman Catholic Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, predicted today that heavy and widespread fighting would break out in South Vietnam by the end of March.

The 31-year-old war lord interviewed in his headquarters in the Mekong delta, said Diem planned to launch a big operation against him and he would fight back.

Reporters reached his hideout by travelling in a boat along a maze of tree-lined waterways. With his long-flowing hair, handsome and boyish face and mystical deep-set eyes, Bacut looked more like a prophet or poet than a renowned soldier as he outlined the position of his forces on military units.

He showed reporters the captured battle order of the Vietnamese army written on an official note paper which, he said, was signed by the Chief of Staff, General Le Van Ty. (It was dated March 9 and said the Vietnamese army would launch a series of operations against Bacut using one division — about 7,000 men — of Nung troops from the borders of China and one airborne group — probably about 1,000 men).

HIS ARMY Bacut said fighting with army troops began yesterday, but it was not serious. If Diem attacked him in force, he would be given immediate command of the entire Hoa Hao army to fight back, he added.

It is believed to number about 10,000 troops, in addition to Bacut's own force estimated at 3,000. The war lord said the Nungs and airborne troops had not yet reached his area. (One-third of a Nung division stationed 110 miles northeast of Saigon moved to the Saigon region last week).

But more than 30 battalions of the Vietnamese national army were stationed in his area, which he said stretched southwest of the Bassac river from Ho Tien on the Cambodian frontier to Ca Mau on the southern tip of Indo-China.

Bacut said the national army held old towns in the region but he ruled in the country side.

INFERIOR MORALE Though the National Army was better equipped than his own, he was confident he would win any battle because "the morale of the National troops is much inferior to that of Hoa Hao as they know Diem's government is not a national government."

"It is a family government in foreign pay," Bacut declared. Bacut said Vietnam must unite under a Government of National Unity to fight the Communists. He thought only military conquest would uproot the Communists from Hanoi and North Vietnam.

Asked if he would meet President Eisenhower's Ambassador to Vietnam, General Laurin Collins, he replied "not unless he renounced Diem first."

ABSORBING ARMIES Bacut said he had no quarrel with the Americans provided they wanted to help a National government here to fight Communism. But, if their policy was to help Diem suppress religious sects and their private armies, he was against the United States.

Private armies should be absorbed into the National army when the Government of National Unity has been formed and elections held to ascertain the will of the people. Asked if private armies which have hitherto quarrelled and fought among themselves could not unite to help form a government, he said he was sure they could. Bacut agreed that all leaders of sects might not be so honest and might-mongers as he was himself. But he said they would work for the benefit of Vietnam more efficiently than the present government. An idealist himself, Bacut has allowed his hair to grow over since the Geneva agreement last year until now, that is, his hair is long. He is a big, dark, muscular man, with a beard and mustache, and a pair of prominent eyes.

Ordeal  
Of Starving  
Refugees

London, Mar. 20. Starving refugees in the Spanish vessel *Antonia de Dapower* were limited to one spoonful each of flour in a glass of water per day for nine days when the 24-foot-long craft ran out of food, the ship's captain said in Georgetown, British Guiana, today.

The vessel left the Spanish-owned Canary Islands, off North Africa, on February 28 for Venezuela, where the refugees hoped to settle. On board were 40 refugees, including one woman, and a crew of seven. The captain, Juan Renevier Bouilla, had tears in his eyes when he told the dramatic story today. He said mutiny and bloodshed were narrowly averted in mid-Atlantic, but everyone showed respect for the lone woman, who refused special privileges for herself. Bouilla stated that on three occasions desperate refugees threatened to throw him into the sea. High winds and unceasing rain made conditions in the cramped boat harder. Bouilla added: When the vessel drifted into the Barbaco River, 60 miles from here, a Catholic priest, Canadian-born Father Bernard Kirby, took food to the refugees. —France-Press.

LUCKY ESCAPE

Chicago, Mar. 20. An American Airlines DC-7 crumpled a nose wheel and finished tail up today as it made a non-scheduled landing here after one engine went dead. None of the 65 persons aboard was reported injured. The plane was on a non-stop flight from Los Angeles to New York. —United Press.

Aruba May  
Turn Over  
Cargo In  
Mid-Ocean

Helsinki, Mar. 20. Informed shipping circles said today that the Finnish tanker *Aruba* may transfer its cargo of jet fuel to a Communist tanker in international waters "about the middle of this week."

A Finnish Seamen's Union spokesman said the *Aruba* crew would not protest against turning over the cargo to another tanker in the open sea.

"The only thing they refuse to do is to go beyond the Nicobar Islands and the reason is the danger of Chinese Nationalist naval forces attacking the vessel," said the spokesman.

Shipping sources said negotiations on the fate of the *Aruba* and her cargo so far "have not involved the possibility of selling the cargo to a non-Communist buyer."

FIRST AIM

"The first aim has been to arrange for the petrol to reach the port of destination, despite the crew rebellion," said the sources.

The *Aruba* originally was bound for Communist China with the jet fuel but the crew rebelled against entering a "war zone" when Nationalist China threatened to "intercept" her. The crew, according to the Finnish Seamen's Union, wanted to put into the nearest neutral port but the ship's owners ordered her to keep going Eastward until it was decided "what to do with the cargo." The ship at present is reported on Colombia's journey East of Colombo.

NOT POLITICAL

Informed shipping sources said "according to information here the case is likely to be settled by a Communist tanker taking over *Aruba's* cargo in international waters." The Seamen's spokesman denied reports that the Union had received congratulations from Formosa "or from any other place." "The crew's action is taken in the interest of their security. It is entirely in accordance with the Finnish Maritime Law and should not be interpreted as any sort of political demonstration," he said. —United Press.

Words Come True

London, Mar. 20. The Rev. Eric Renshaw, 41, who wrote in the March issue of his parish magazine that "to ride a bicycle in Leicester is to take your life in your hands," was killed in a traffic accident yesterday. Mr. Renshaw was riding his bicycle to the Leicester City cemetery to conduct a funeral service. —United Press.

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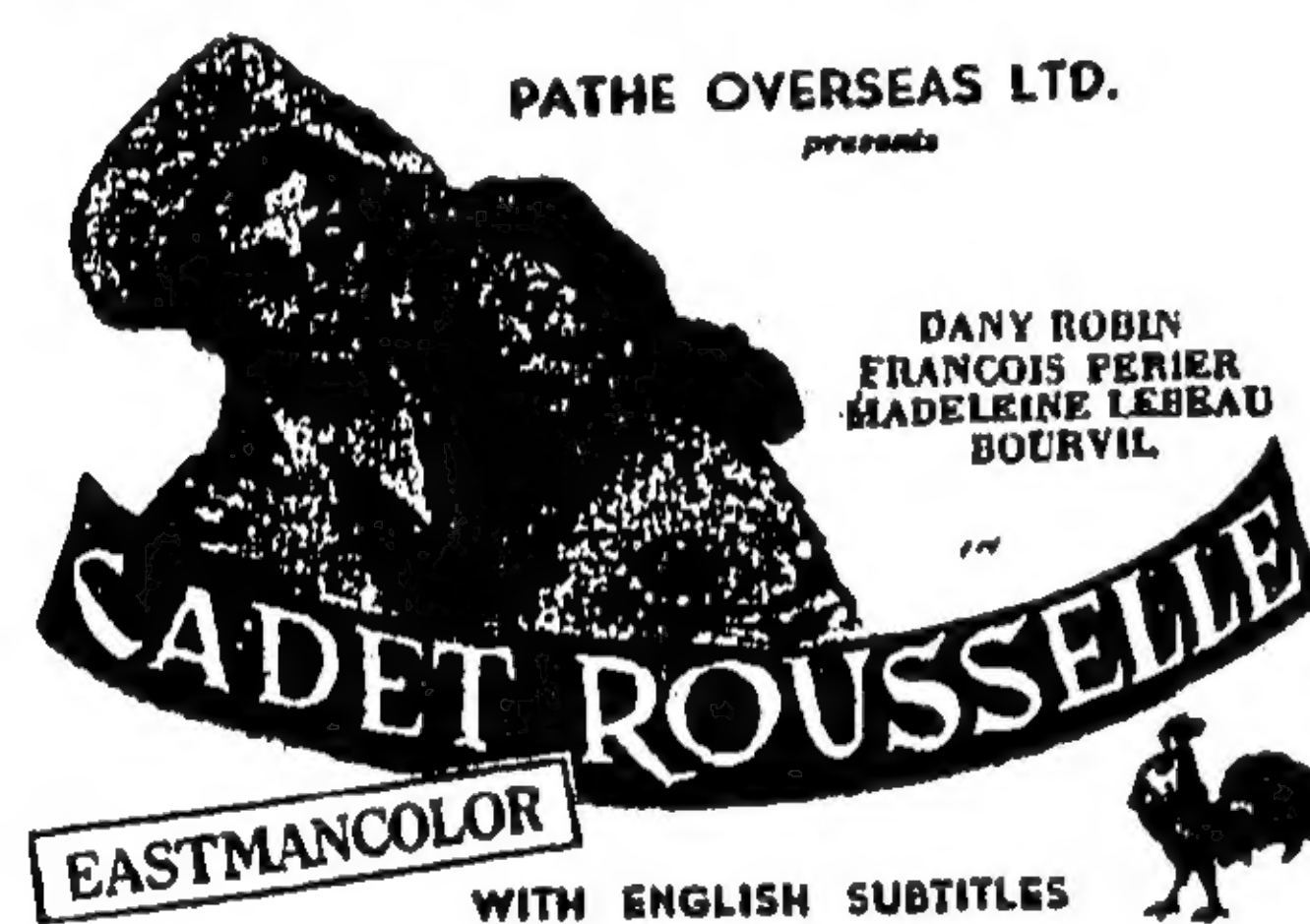
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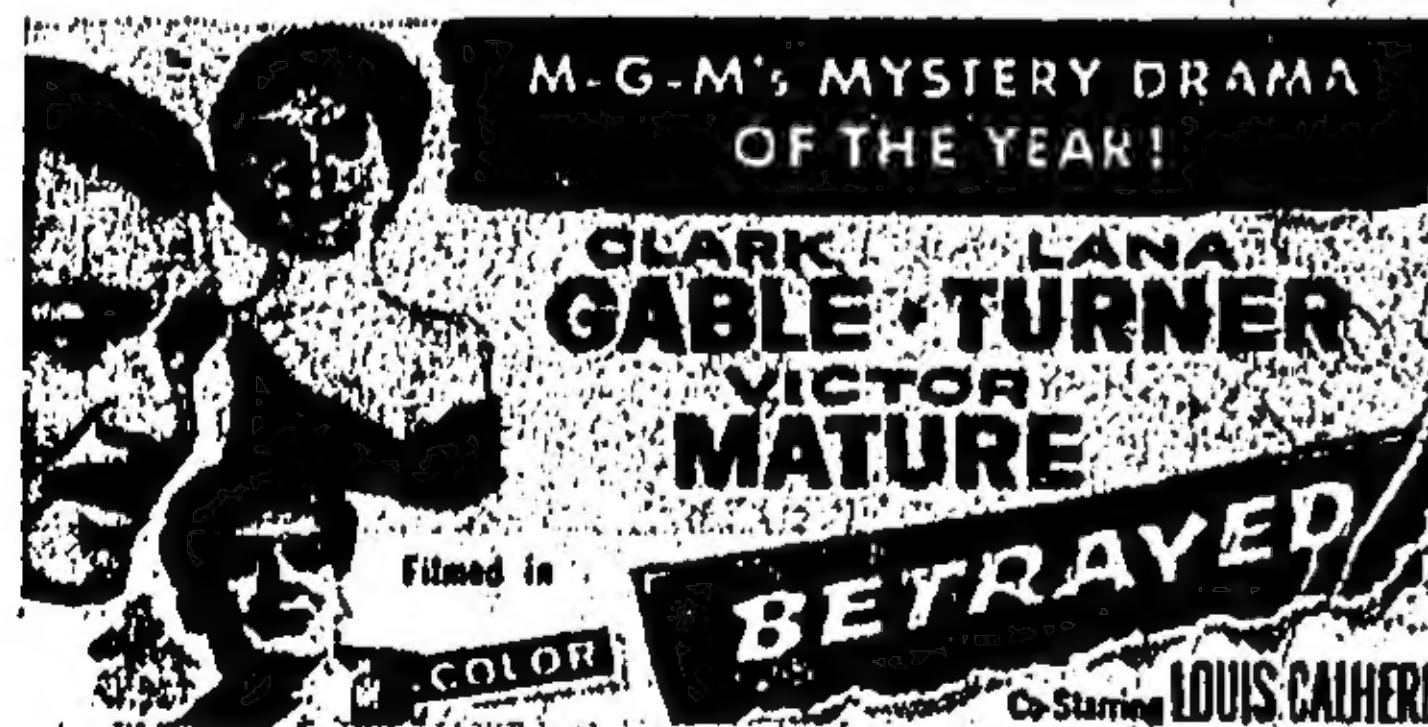
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## Raab Wants Guarantee From Big Powers

## TO COMBAT POSSIBLE OUTSIDE DANGER

Vienna, Mar. 20. The Austrian Chancellor, Dr Julius Raab, asked the United States, Britain, France and Russia tonight to sign a joint guarantee protecting Austria against "any possible" outside danger. Speaking over the US "Red-White-Red" radio network, Dr Raab said his Government would back all efforts to convene a new four-power conference "dedicated exclusively to settling the Austrian problem."

## ADDITION!

Calcutta, Mar. 20. One hour after giving birth to her first baby, a 10-year-old girl turned up here to complete a university examination in mathematics. The girl had already been sitting for examinations for four days before her son was born. Labour pains started during a mathematics paper and she was rushed to a maternity hospital. Immediately the child was born, she insisted on returning to the examination hall and completed the paper. The girl's mother's name is Tripti. It means "fulfilment."—France-Press.

## Clergyman In Knitting Final

London, Mar. 20. A bespectacled British clergyman will fly to Paris next Tuesday with his own hand-knitted sweaters which he believes "may startle the fashion world," when he presents them in the final round of the International Knitting Competition in Paris next week.

The Reverend Reginald Parry, 64-year-old Vicar of the Huddersfield Congregational Church, is one of the four Britons selected from 20,000 entrants to take part in the final of the competition.

Parisian couturier Pierre Balmain will be one of the judges who will inspect the Rev. Parry's revolutionary polo-neck sweater, which has only one seam, measuring about four inches.

For the qualifying round, the Vicar produced a knitted sports jacket which any of the ladies of the Paris sewing guild would have been proud to acknowledge as her own.—France-Press.

## Back Seat For Wright Brothers

Paris, Mar. 20. A Russian had invented and flown the first heavier than air machine 20 years before the Wright brothers flew theirs for the first time in the United States, Radio Moscow monitored here tonight claimed. The radio said the inventor's name was Alexander Fedorovich Mozhayski. The 130th anniversary of his birth will be observed tomorrow throughout the Soviet Union, the broadcast added.—France-Press.

For 10 years the Russians have blocked an Austrian treaty. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, said three weeks ago that it could not be signed without guarantees that Austria would not join military alliances or link up with Germany in a new "anschluss."

## NEEDS CLARIFICATION

Dr Raab said Mr Molotov's demands needed "further clarification." He said Austria had demonstrated good faith through years of negotiations and had pledged repeatedly not to join alliances or permit a new "anschluss."

"Therefore we think the Soviet Union should make clear now such guarantees could be obtained," said Dr Raab. "We think the best solution would be a special four-power guarantee against any possible danger to Austria's independence."

The Chancellor's phrase "any possible danger" obviously included possible Soviet aggression as well as a German "anschluss." The Chancellor said he "would not compare the kind of talks allegedly held at Yalta with the good faith we have shown in dealing with the treaty problem." "I am convinced that the world recognizes the goodwill we have shown so far to help secure peace and promote the aims of the United Nations," he said. He added that Austria's intention to seek a State treaty was made clear in a note to Russia last week.

## MADE CLEAR

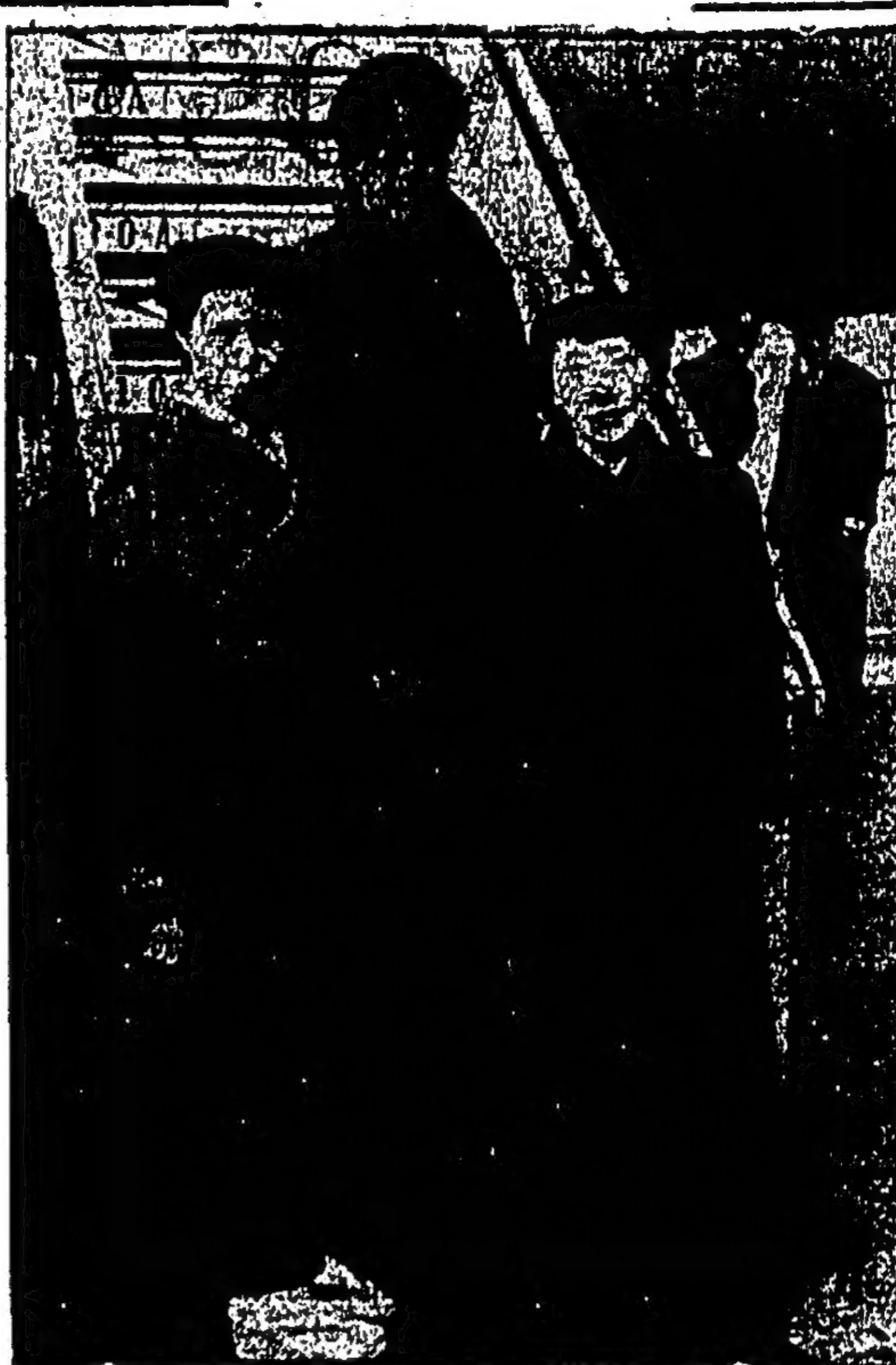
"We repeatedly have made clear that Austria does not intend to join military alliances or to permit the establishment of foreign military bases in Austria," he said.

Dr Raab stressed his Government's readiness to accept a clause to that effect to be inserted in the Austrian State treaty. He recalled that an "anti-anschluss" clause in the treaty draft forbids Austria any political or economic reunion with Germany.—United Press.

## Dr Lin's Budget Not Approved

Singapore, Mar. 20. World-famed Chinese philosopher Dr Lin Yu-tang ran into difficulty in setting up the new Chinese University here today when the University Executive Committee failed to approve his budget. Informed sources said that Dr Lin offered to meet the Committee to explain the points of his budget which needed clarification, but this offer was rejected by the Committee. Dr Lin today released to the Press copies of the correspondence between him and the Committee on the subject of the University budget. In releasing the correspondence, Dr Lin said, "It is time the public was told."—France-Press.

## ATOM BOMB VICTIMS



Three Japanese women atom bomb victims have arrived in London to give a series of lectures in various parts of Britain on the devastating effects of the first atom bomb. The three women all experienced the explosion at Hiroshima or Nagasaki. They are Mrs Shizuko Ihara, whose husband and son were killed at Hiroshima; Mrs Kikuo Ihara, a teacher who was bombed at Nagasaki; and Dr Sugi Yamamoto, who has special knowledge of the effect of the atomic bomb. Picture shows them arriving at London Airport.—Express Photo.

## STASSEN MAY HAVE NEW ARMS APPROACH

Washington, Mar. 20. A new approach to the deadlocked question of disarmament may come out of Mr Harold Stassen's appointment as full-time, cabinet-ranking executive to deal with the problem, diplomatic sources said today.

President Eisenhower created the new post of Special Assistant on Disarmament Problems last night and charged Mr Stassen, head of the Foreign Operations Administration, to go to work immediately.

The President's statement that the London disarmament talks with the Soviet Union had made no progress but lent weight to the belief that Mr Stassen's primary task would be to try to come up with something fresh.

This might make possible a new start in attempts to solve the issue.

Mr Stassen is expected to be briefed on the latest Soviet attitude to disarmament in discussions he said he hoped to have this week with Mr Cabot Lodge, United States chief delegate at the United Nations.

Mr Lodge returned a few days ago from the London conference where he has been replaced by Mr Wadsworth.

There was the belief in some quarters that Mr Stassen's position, unique in American history, might be a spur to the British and French Governments to raise to cabinet level their representation at any future disarmament talks.

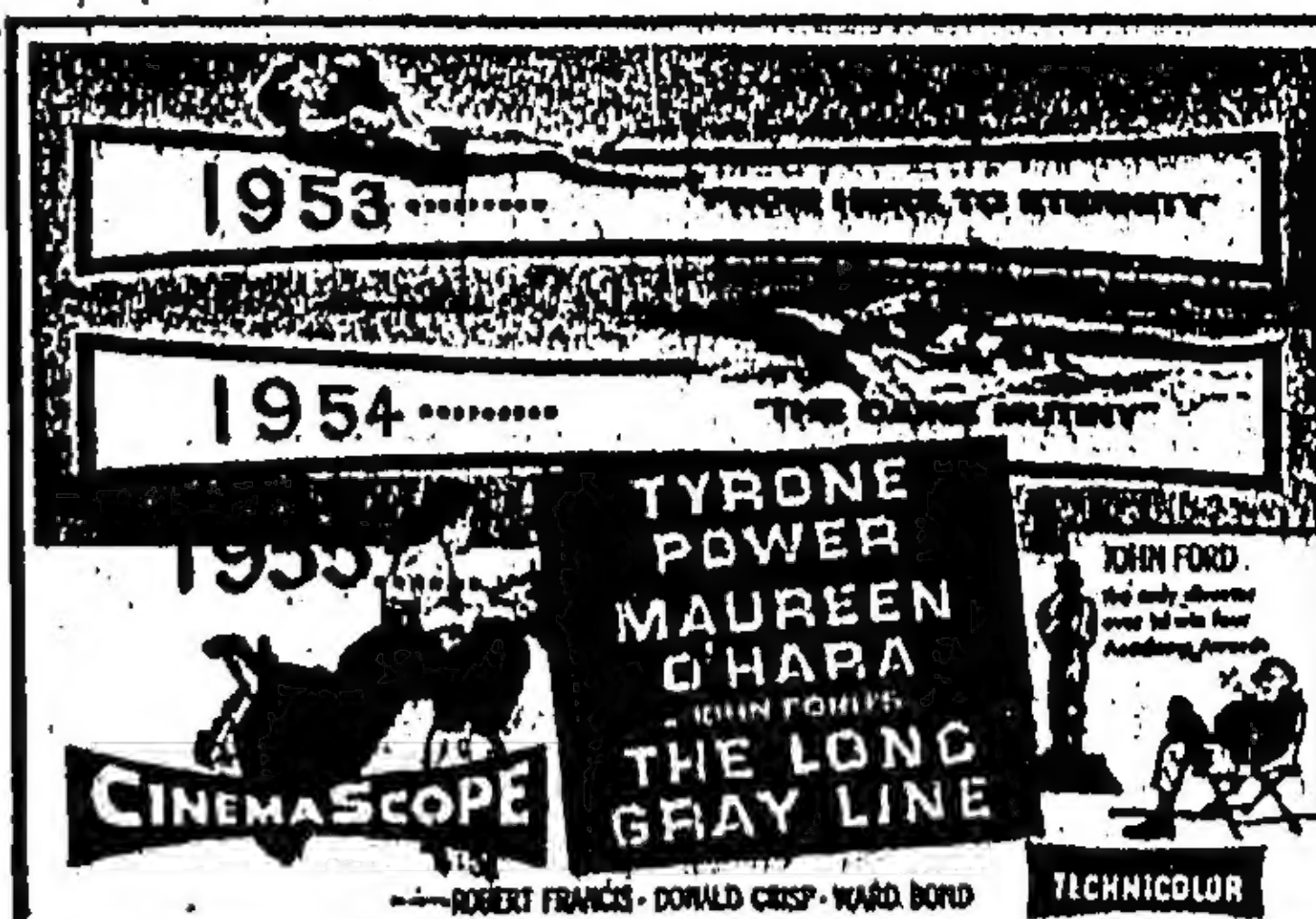
## REVIEW PROPOSALS

Democratic Senator H. H. Humphreys from Minnesota, of which Mr Stassen was twice Governor, today suggested that the Stassen should "go in for a review of the disarmament proposals of the late Mr McMahon." Senator McMahon of Connecticut proposed several times

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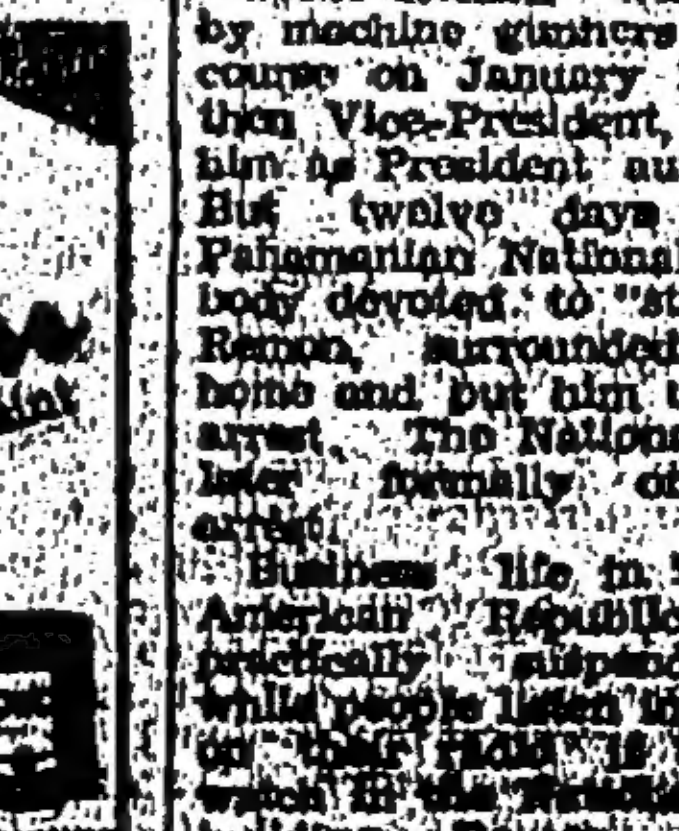
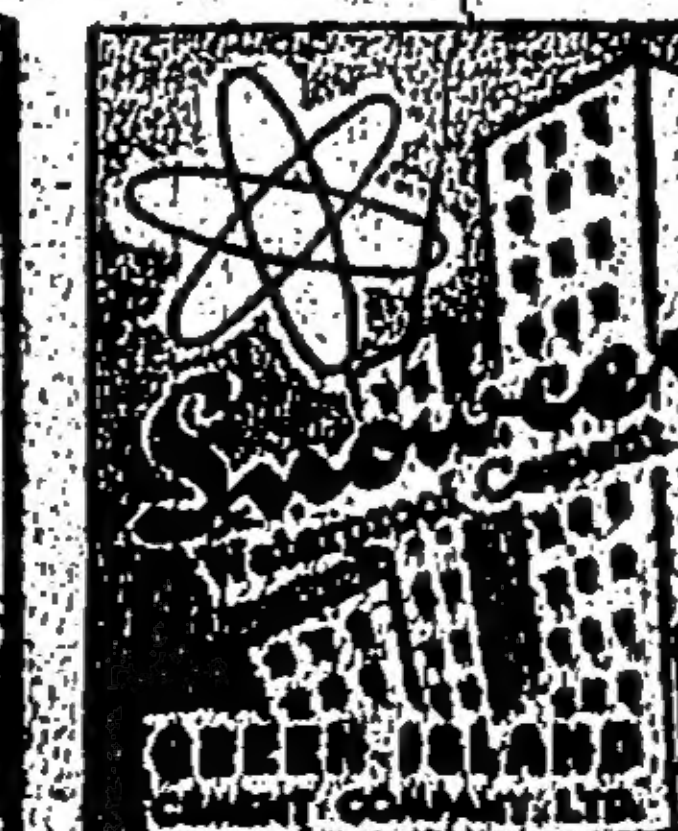
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# INDIAN REDS IN MALAY JUNGLE

## He Resigned



Sir Richard Acland, Labour M.P. for Grays, who resigned his seat in the House of Commons in protest at Britain's manufacture of the H-bomb. Sir Richard is to fight the by-election as an Independent. — Central Press Photo.

## Hard Core Operating With Terrorists

Singapore, Mar. 20.

About 100 hard core Indian Communists are operating with the Malayan Communist Party in the Malayan jungle, it was revealed by Major R. J. Isaac, Chief of the Psychological Warfare Department here.

In a broadcast over Radio Malaya on Saturday night, Major Isaac disclosed for the first time how Indian Communists and their followers were helping the Malayan Communist Party in the campaign of terror since June 1948.

The psychological warfare chief said top-ranking members of the Indian Communist Party were operating in the Malayan jungle. He said the party had been operating in the jungle since June 1948.

### MOSCOW INSTRUCTED

Like all other Communist parties throughout the world, Major Isaac said, these Indian Communists took their general instructions from Moscow—not in the form of written directives but by following the party line put out daily by Moscow radio.

At the outbreak of World War II when Russia and Germany signed a non-aggression pact, Major Isaac said, Indian Communists in Malaya called it a "capitalist war" and urged the national contribution must be properly national, not just to much from each service.

The Duke's talk included comments on exercise "Sea Lance" recently completed by the Home and Mediterranean Fleets in which the Duke took part aboard the royal yacht.

### WHOLE WORLD

He said the world was going through a period roughly comparable to the time when gun powder was first used in warfare. Commenting on the introduction of nuclear weapons, he said: "If there is another war, the whole world will be the battlefield."

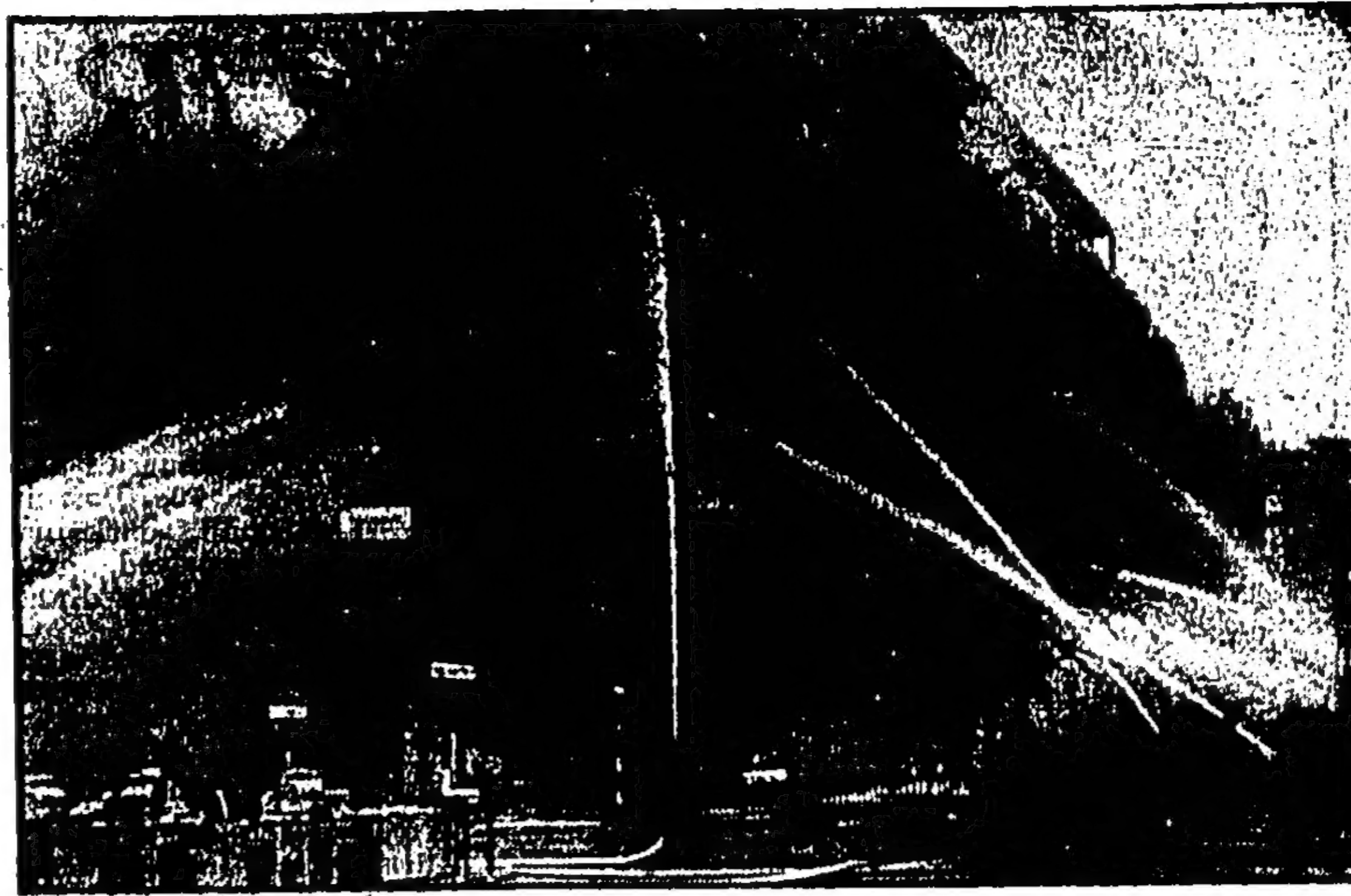
Tomorrow, the Duke of Edinburgh attends a post exercise conference. He plays polo in the afternoon and in the evening attends a "men only" Mediterranean Fleet concert. — Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Dross (4).
  - 7 Trembled (5).
  - 8 Metal (4).
  - 9 Prophet (4).
  - 10 Calculate (7).
  - 12 Nobleman (4).
  - 15 Unmistakable (5).
  - 18 Smooth-spoken (4).
  - 19 Attempt (5).
  - 21 Welcome (5).
  - 22 Card stake (4).
  - 23 Mistake (5).
  - 24 Terrible (4).
  - 26 Charges with gas (7).
  - 30 Fete (4).
  - 31 Beat (4).
  - 32 Tempest (5).
  - 33 Expresses (4).
- DOWN
- 1 Twig (5).
  - 2 Make up (7).
  - 4 Crawl (5).
  - 5 Mud (4).
  - 6 Bellow (4).
  - 9 Pierce (4).
  - 11 Jolt (5).
  - 13 Church recess (4).
  - 14 Deposits (4).
  - 16 Voice (5).
  - 17 Grew old (4).
  - 18 Equipment (4).
  - 20 Difficulties (7).
  - 22 Extent (4).
  - 24 Recover (5).
  - 25 Central part (5).
  - 27 Lazy (4).
  - 28 Inclines (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Result, 7 Elch, 9 Shift, 10 Nacre, 11 Raap, 13 Restricted, 15 Tell, 16 Cram, 19 Distressed, 22 Road, 24 Prize, 25 Deal, 26 Vent, 27 Thrude, Down: 2 Blinks, 3 Utter, 4 Tunes, 6 Secretes, 8 Acca, 9 Trade, 11 Paled, 13 Recur, 14 Timidity, 17 Adorn, 18 Attack, 20 Eider, 21 Shield, 23 Open.



Metal scaffolding crashes to the ground from a blazing office building in Birmingham, narrowly missing firemen playing hoses on the flames. Damage in the blaze, Birmingham's worst since the war, was about £1,400,000.—Reutersphoto.

## Middle East Defence Key In The Negev

Cairo, Mar. 20.

Major Salah Salem, the Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, said today the key to Middle East defence lay in a desert triangle in the Negev, the desert area from which Israel forces drove Egyptians in the Arab-Israel war.

He said Egypt and the Arab states must have an uninterrupted overland route linking all the Arab countries before they could side openly with the West and play their full part in the effective defence of the Middle East.

Major Salem told correspondents that Egypt had no territorial ambitions but was most anxious to have a direct plan link with Jordan and the rest of the Arab world. At present, Israel lies on Egypt's northern border and Egypt's only link with Jordan and the other Arab nations is across the Gulf of Akaba.

### GIVE TO JORDAN

He said the Gaza coastal strip and the desert triangle 80 miles wide and 90 miles long from Gaza to Beersheba with its apex at Akaba must be given to Jordan.

(This would cut off the southern triangle of Israel and give Egypt and Jordan a common border 50 miles long. The Egyptian administered Gaza strip was the scene last month of the worst clash since the war between Israeli and Egyptian troops and 46 men died.)

Major Salem said: "This would solve the complex problem of the Middle East political and military, as well as organising defence in this area as a solid link in the chain of overall Western defence from NATO to SEATO."

He said Israel was reported to have consented to an Arab "corridor" across the Negev but this definition was unacceptable to Egypt and the Arab states.

Major Salem then turned to the "crucial question" of the Iraqi-Turkish pact and the situation arising from it. He said: "Turkey must cease her repeated attacks including ultimata and threats against the Syrian Government. Otherwise the consequences may be disastrous to Turkey and the West."

He continued: "Egypt is prepared to accept the Turkish-Iraqi pact as a pact provided Turkey and Iraq equally recognise the newly-created Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian pact as another pact. The two pacts could run parallel for the time being."

"They are not incompatible and could eventually be linked through various courses open to us in an overall Middle East settlement."

Major Salem said: "Egypt is prepared to co-operate fully with the West but she must safeguard her legitimate position against all adverse possibilities within and outside the Middle East."

## Britannia Draws Crowd

Johannesburg, Mar. 20.

Fire engines and the police were called out to the Jan Smuts airport here this afternoon to deal with more than 2,000 sightseers who gate-crashed the airfield to watch the giant, new turbo-jet Bristol Britannia undergoing tests.

More than 10,000 people crowded onto the airfield to see the plane which this week broke the speed record from London to Johannesburg. — France-Press.

## Language 'Inquisition' In S. Africa

Johannesburg, Mar. 20. IN South Africa, some Afrikaans (South African Dutch) speaking parents want their children to attend English schools. But it is a crime in the eyes of the Government.

Intent on keeping apart the two main European sects in South Africa, it has laid down that children must be educated in their home language.

So now the annual language "inquisition" is on again in the Transvaal infant schools. Women inspectors visit the schools and inspect lists of names looking out particularly for children with Afrikaans names, who are in English medium schools, and vice versa.

Then she chats in English and Afrikaans with classes of five- or six-year-olds. It usually takes about a couple of hours to make sure that none of them have slipped into the wrong group.

Last year, in Pretoria, for example, 472 children were examined and there were 24 appeals against the inspectors' decision on the school the children should go to. — France-Press.

## SIND PROHIBITS GATHERINGS

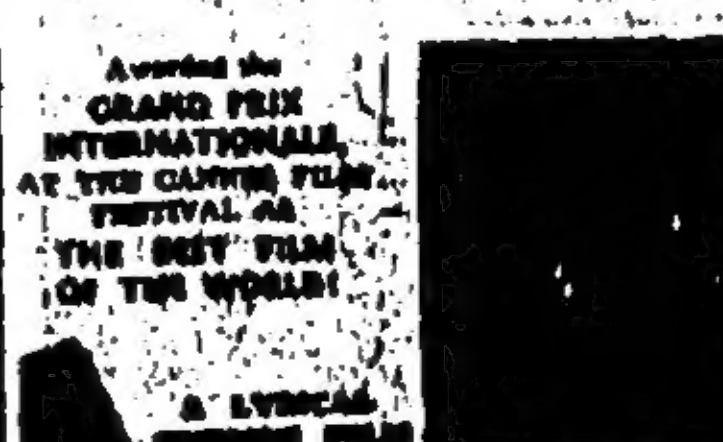
Karachi, Mar. 20.

The Sind Provincial Government tonight prohibited public gatherings in the province for a fortnight and set up police checks on all roads to Hyderabad, where the Provincial Assembly is due to meet shortly.

These measures followed the announcement by the Sind Premier Mohammed Khurro of an alleged plot to assassinate the ministers of the province which was reported earlier today. — France-Press.

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ONE SUMMER OF HAPPINESS

## Tax Headache For Faure

### BOOK-SELLER'S CAMPAIGN CAUSING CRISIS

Paris, Mar. 20.

The anti-tax campaign of provincial book-seller Pierre Poujade will be French Premier Edgar Faure's main headache when M. Faure tries to obtain special powers from the National Assembly next March 28 to cope with the country's worsening tax crisis.

M. Poujade, whose anti-tax organisation now numbers more than 500,000 shop-keepers throughout France, has decided to call a general 24-hour shop-keepers' strike when the special powers resolution comes up for debate.

The 33-year-old book-keeper, who was angered when deputies refused to vote for his proposals in a stormy National Assembly session last night, has also decided to take political action on several other fronts.

He has warned the Deputies if they do not back his anti-tax collection measures, he will campaign against them at the local elections which are slated for next month.

ACTION GROUP M. Poujade also decided after last Saturday's setback to unite his peasant sympathisers into political action group similar to his shop-keepers association. So far, M. Poujade has managed to woo only one of the main professional farm organisations to his cause, and it has agreed to co-operate with him but not to integrate with his movement.

But, M. Poujade has some moderate, Communist and Radical Deputies on his side and it will require great, clever work on the part of M. Faure if he is to survive the tax battle which M. Poujade is preparing for next March 28. — France-Press.

## CHINESE PIANIST WINS PRIZE

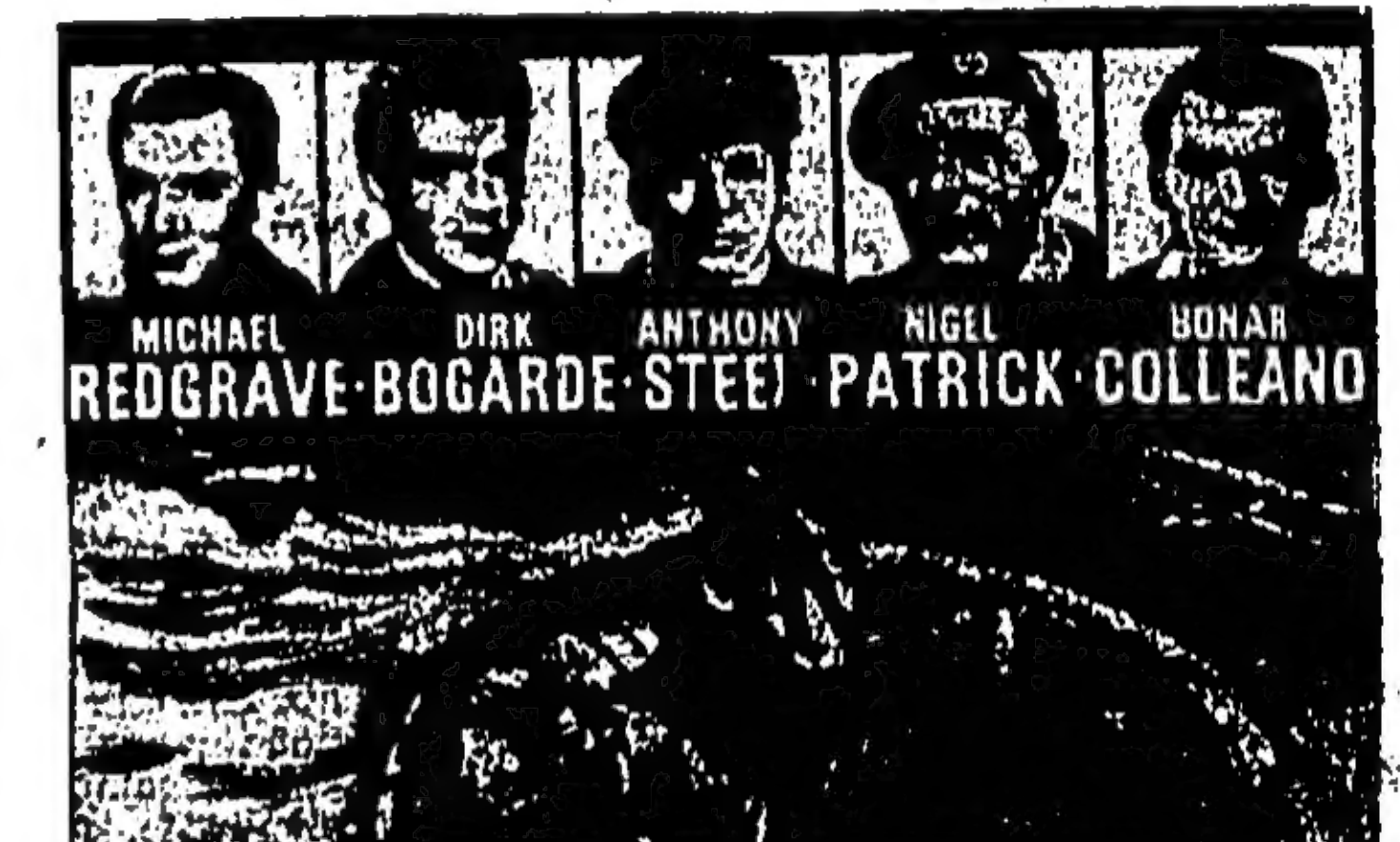
Paris, Mar. 20.

Chinese pianist Fu Tsung won third prize in the fifth International Chopin piano contest at Warsaw, the New China News Agency reported today in a dispatch from the Polish capital. He also won the prize for the best performance of Mozartkas. — France-Press.

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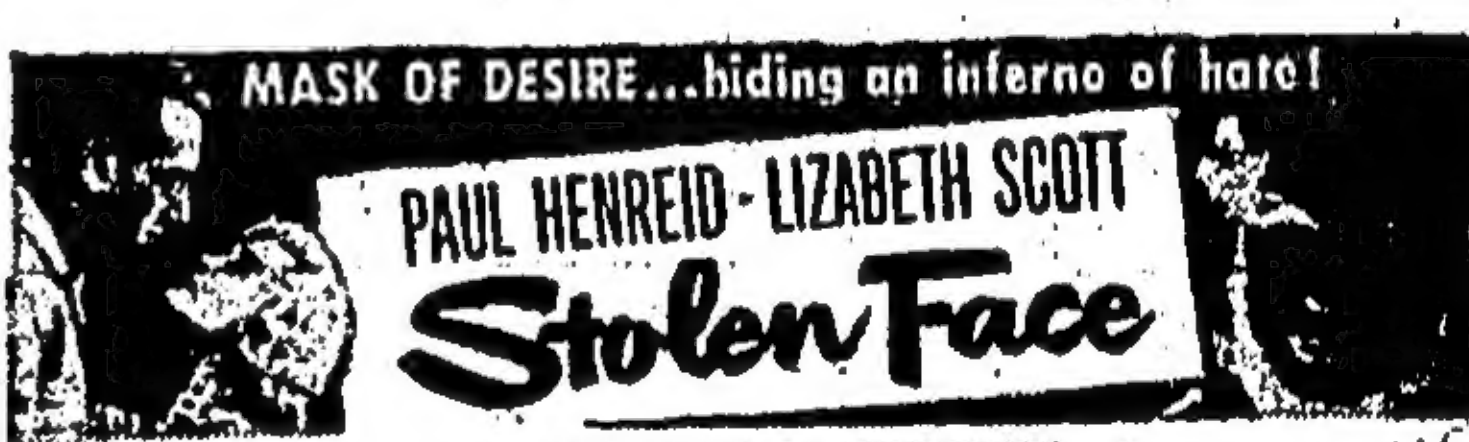
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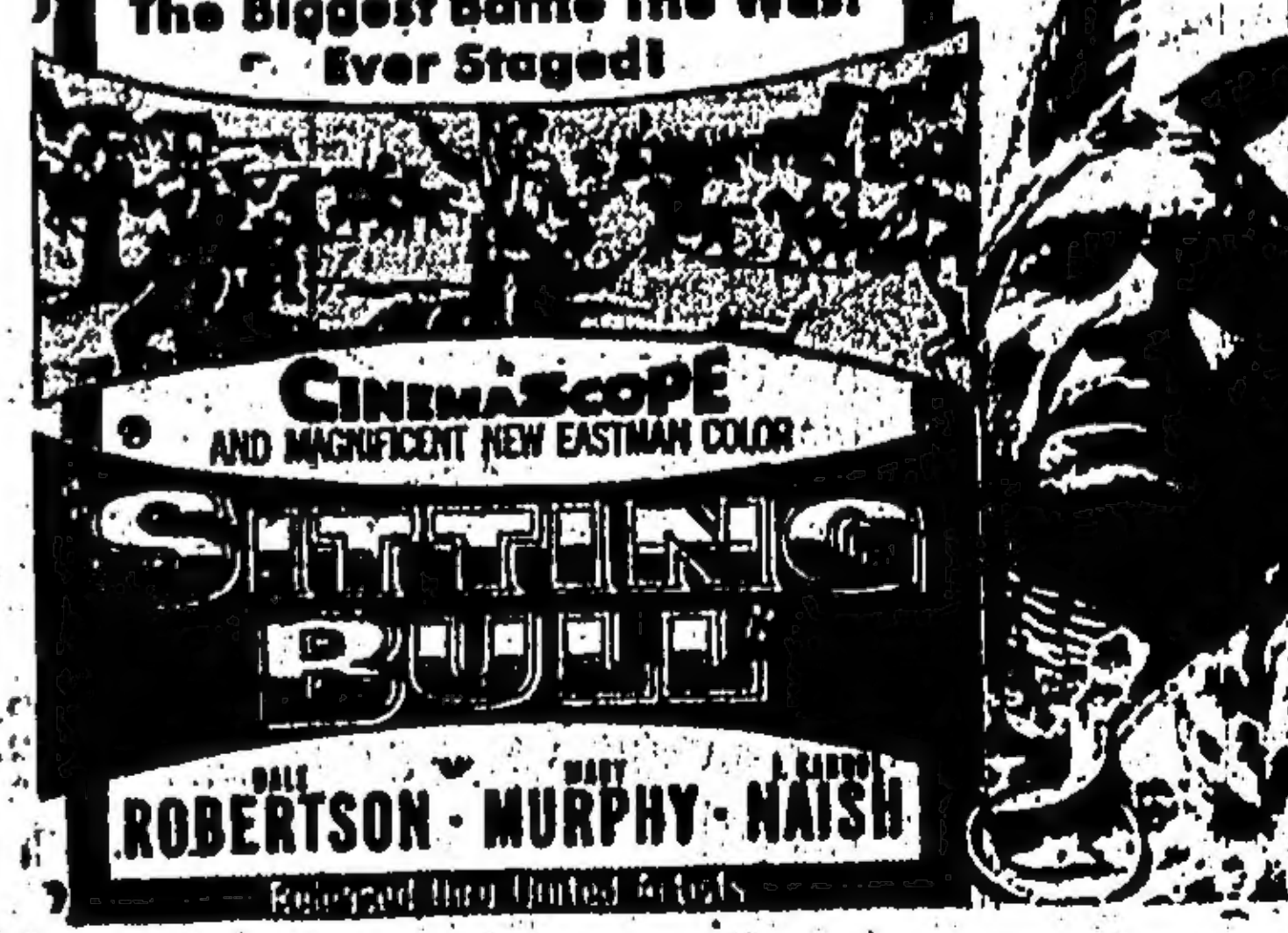


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## New Angle For Fishing Story

Salisbury, Mar. 20.

A hippopotamus has appeared about four miles from the centre of Salisbury, capital of the new Central African Federation, a town of 50,000 European inhabitants with buildings up to 16 storeys high.

Its tracks were first seen on the banks of the Makabul River. It was observed "Makabul Mike", but subsequent evidence has revealed that "Mike" is a lady. She has the most ladylike habits too. She picks her way through gardens and crops nibbling here and there, but not trampling everything down as hippos usually do.

She was first seen by Mr and Mrs Tillman who were fishing in the Makabul. Seeing a his ripple, Mr Tillman cast over it. The head of the hippo emerged, enquiringly, from the water. As she swam up stream the reel went out, for the hook had caught in the hide on her back. She was followed by a baby hippo.

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## No Stirrups On A Camel

By CHARLES ANDERSON

Damascus. I am uncomfortably discomfited in three parts desert, the principal form of transport is (not unnaturally) the camel. Zoologically speaking, the animal is a dromedary (one hump), but to all and sundry in Arabia it is a "camel" or (in Arabic) a "jamel".

Within hours of arriving in the Biblical city I discovered that if one wishes to travel any distance at all in any direction one bumps into a sizable chunk of desert and that the safest way of crossing any desert, irrespective of size, is by camel.

Primarily, the ancient Roman settlement I wished to visit, lay 150 miles from Damascus. It lay, for some reason best known to the Romans, across absolute desert, with only water holes every 50 or 60 miles. It would, I was told, take me at least two camel days to get there. With this in mind and knowing little of camels, I decided it would be best for both myself and the camel if I took some driving lessons.

### Ali Baba

My British driving licence includes "all forms of transport" but this carried no weight with the toothless old Arab (aged about 80) who was allotted me by the chief of the local Camel Corps. I would, he thought, have to start at the beginning.

Accompanied by Ali Baba (and that was his real name) we walked down the long line of chained camels until we came to what appeared a shaggy mountain of old rags. This, Ali told me, was my "car" for the journey.

"Plenty good jamal," said Ali, "in all thirty years, never back master." At this, the "jamel" raised his head from the feeding trough, turned his neck slowly and regarded me with withering contempt. His rheumy eyes blinked, and saliva dropped from the heavy folds of his mouth as he munched a giant mass of sodden grass.

Ali took hold of the chain which was attached to the long shaggy neck, and led my steed out on to the desert road. At the same time he gave a wicked smile, before turning to his charge and muttering away in Arabic. At this, my mind recalled all the stories I had heard about the infamy of camels who take a dislike to their rider. One kick from the spindly hind leg of a camel can

rocket a man two hundred yards. And now the beast was ready and waiting.

I approached the shaggy mountain with the temerity of one unexpectedly called upon to demolish a mine.

Unfortunately, camels, with that inherent sense of suspicion found in most animals, can be seen reading your thoughts as you approach. "Sultan" was no exception. As I neared he leered at me with his rheumy old eyes, and slowly raised his left hind leg. I bent a hasty retreat. At this my ancient instructor advised me to walk down the road and come straight back to the "jamel", shaggy, humped monstrosity, towering ten feet high, with an air of benevolence.

### Most Agonising

As I returned from my little promenade I noticed a dozen little Arab boys crouching in the roadside ditch, all chuckling with laughter. Doubtless, this was going to be as good as a "camel".

When I was about ten yards from Sultan, Ali shouted some word of encouragement, and the wall of faintly stretched brown hide slowly subsided to reasonable proportions.

One doesn't use stirrups on a camel. Instead, the beast is supposed to get down on its knees and wait for you to mount. Unfortunately, from the beginning's point of view, the wary beast never stays down long enough, and stays praying just as you have one leg round its neck, and both hands grabbing tightly at the small tufted ears.

The next few seconds in my life were the most agonising I have experienced. To the accompaniment of roasting laughter from the Arab boys, came from Ali and deep-throated grunts from Sultan, I commenced to slide down the side of the latter as he began to rise up from his knees.

Landing with a resounding thud on my back, I looked up at "Sultan". He was gently swinging his left (hind) leg to and fro.

### Alternative

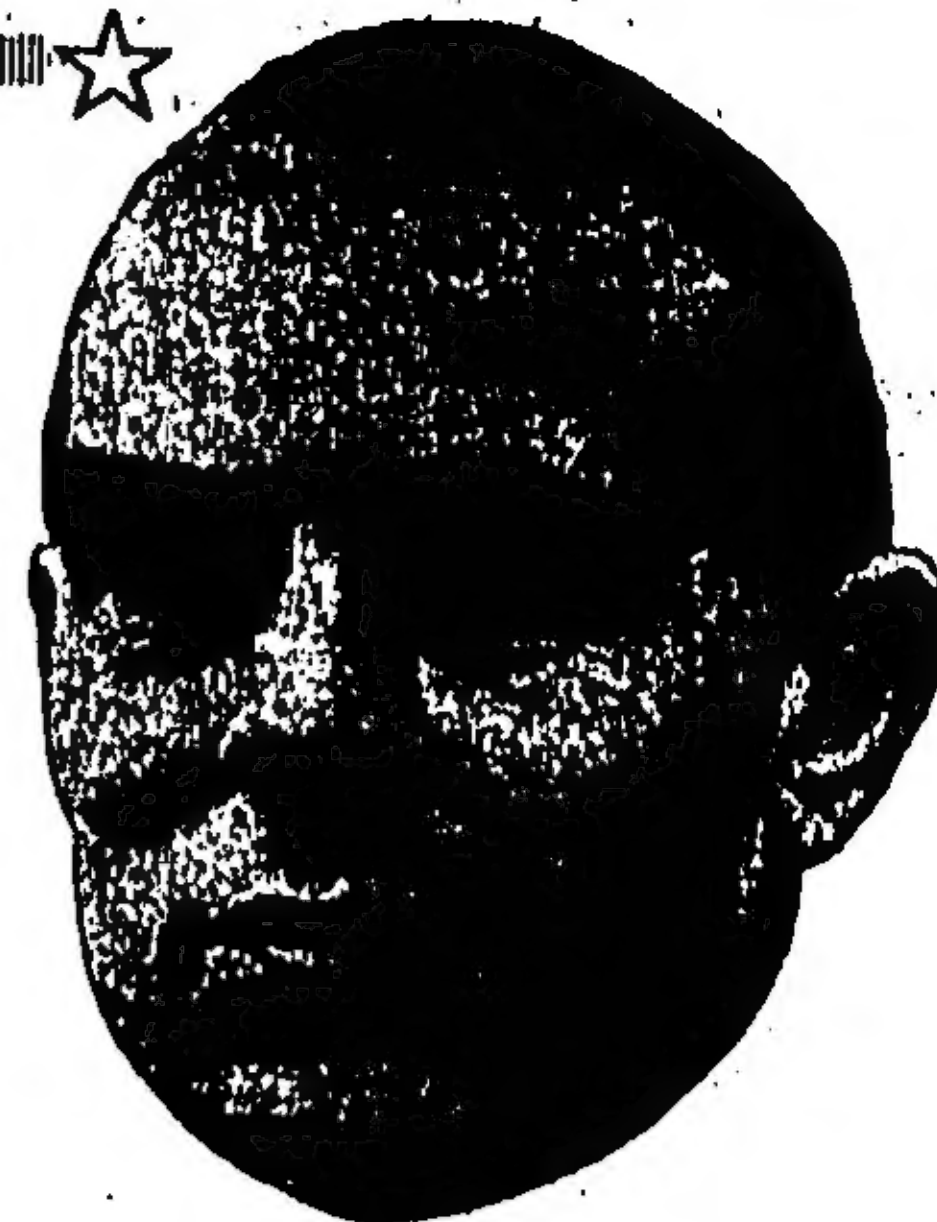
On returning to my hotel, I discovered alternative transport after all. A Syrian Airways plane was leaving for Palmyra in two days' time.

A cowardly substitution—and I only hope for the sake of future occasions when there isn't a plane, that camels as distinct from elephants, forget. Having met a "jamel" at close quarters I doubt it.

## TWO MEN KNOW CHURCHILL'S SECRETS



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every day he helps to shape your life...

YOU may see him tonight or tomorrow as he hurries away from 10, Downing Street, a small, dark man, neat and sharp-eyed, going home to a very late dinner.

by George Hutchinson

I shall be surprised if you know his face. There are not many who do, even in Whitehall. And his name is hardly more familiar.

Yet John Rupert Colville is one of the most influential people in the country. Every day, working in unreported ways, he is helping to shape my life and yours.

Colville is Joint Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, with a partner called David Pittblado.

From them Sir Winston has no secrets. To both, the Government's gravest business is an open book. It must be so, or they would be of little use to Churchill.

But more than that, Colville and Pittblado, by their advice to the Prime Minister, by their knowledge, by their grasp of events, exert a force of their own in the making of public policy.

And so I feel that we should know them better, these prodigious young officials. Let us look at them together.

Colville is 40, an aristocrat who has built his career on the foundations of Harrow, Cambridge and Buckingham Palace.

Dr Pugh is satisfied that he could tell whether you can stand the cold just by pinching the skin over your ribs to gauge the thickness of the fat.

If it is more than half an inch thick you are well insulated.

Most women fall into this thick-skinned category. Even their legs have a substantially thicker layer of protective fat than a man's—which is why they can weather biting cold in sheer stockings.

He found that Channel swimmers can read in a

to the Foreign Office, until the Queen—still Princess Elizabeth—sent for him, and Colville, recruited once again into the Royal service, set up as her private secretary.

Half-way through his term with the Princess he married her lady-in-waiting, Lady Margaret Egerton, a pleasant, unassuming girl who is seldom in the limelight nowadays. They have one child.

From the Princess's office, Colville was posted to our Embassy at Lisbon. But this third diplomatic spell was no more enduring than the first or second. Churchill called—and Colville returned to No. 10.

What are his gifts, that Prime Ministers set such value on his services?

Intelligence, quickness of mind—these we can take for granted in Colville's job. Add method,

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Opinions, moreover, that he never tires of expressing, for in his own circle Colville is a great talker. A witty one, too, although he is inclined to be dogmatic and shows a touch of arrogance.

You will find him and David Pittblado on the ground floor of No. 10, a few steps from the long, white Cabinet room. They have a suite of offices at the back of the house, looking over the garden.

There, with a band of assistants, they shovel away incessantly at the avalanche of paper that every Premier brings down—the letters, the minutes, the memoranda, all multiplied

beyond measurement because Churchill, the most copious writer among modern statesmen, is also the most voluble.

A former Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr Thomas Jones, has described the role of men like Colville and Pittblado.

"The Private Secretaries arrange their master's daily timetable, form a barricade against unwanted bores, invent amusements for his recreation, assemble material for his speeches, guard his reputation, humour his foibles, tell stories, and talk nonsense as required."

"They have no settled hours or holidays and they neglect their families. The relations of the Prime Minister with his secretaries are hardly less important than his relations with his Ministers. When chosen they are already marked out for high promotion."

He and his wife—she is Welsh, and used to be a schoolmistress in Cheltenham—live modestly in Chelsea. They married 13 years ago, and have two children.

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Soon he was working as assistant private secretary to the Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald. That sort of appointment is always a sign of exceptional capacity—only the best men, "the real fliers," as the Civil Service calls them, are let loose in the Minister's office.

"The Principal Private Secretary should be the antithesis of a robot. He is the one person whom the Prime Minister is glad to see enter his room; he will only enter at the right moment and on the right business."

"The Prime Minister has no secrets from his Private Secretary any more than from his wife. To him, as to her, he is not ashamed to confess ignorance, error, fear, or resentment; to censure rivals and opponents; to admit disillusion with ungrateful supporters."

For this, Pittblado receives £2,500 a year. Colville's salary is much the same.

In background the two men differ greatly. The worldly Colville, grandson of a marquis, friend of the Queen, can claim—and cherishes—a certain grandeur. But no such element has touched Pittblado.

### Good humour

He is 42, a calm, quizzical, good-humoured fellow with a great dome of a forehead, less hair than he would like, and a gentle voice. It he looks a little tired at times, no one need wonder at that. Downing Street—Chequers—Chartwell, hurried breakfasts, belated dinners... the round goes unbroken.

Pittblado's brilliance in administration is probably without parallel among Civil Servants of his generation. Yet he is self-effacing to a fault.

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### Influence...

In 1942 Pittblado was assigned to the War Cabinet, then he went to the Treasury. And to the Treasury he still belongs. One day, I predict, he will rise to be its head—the topmost civil servant of them all.

But... to go back to Tom Jones... "The Private Secretary does not seek public power; he nurses instead a passion for anonymity and secret influence."

Secret influence... To some, it is a more alluring thing than fame or money.

### Page of Honour

It began when he was 12, with his appointment as Page of Honour to the Queen's grandfather, George V. His mother, Lady Cynthia, was already a Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Mary, and in one capacity or another Colvilles have been attached to the Royal Family ever since.

John Colville went into the Foreign Service when he left Cambridge. But in no time he was off to 10 Downing Street as Prime Minister Chamberlain's assistant private secretary. And from that day to this he has moved—assured, alert, anonymous—in the privileged world of high politics, great affairs.

He stayed on in Downing Street to work for Churchill during the war, and then Mr. Attlee. But after a few months with Mr. Attlee he went back

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## MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE HINGES ON A TINY STRIP OF LAND

By JAMES WICKENDEN

FOR Britain and the United States to join the Iraqi-Turkish pact will be, perhaps, 1956's greatest constructive diplomatic move.

It will fill the vacuum of power created by Britain's promised evacuation of Suez. But, more important, a fresh spirit of unity against the Communist danger will surge through the Middle East.

The first step will be Eden's visit to Ankara.

After Britain comes Iran. It is expected in London that she will join the pact within about six months. Towards the end of the year the United States will probably come in.

The pact is open to all Middle East States. Late comers may be Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. The Egyptian bloc, including Saudi-Arabia and Syria, may not join at all.

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# MANCHESTER CITY—THE TEAM OF THE YEAR WITH A REVOLUTIONARY PLAN

By TOM FINNEY

The semi-finals of the FA Cup, only one stride away from Wembley. I know just how all those 44 keyed up players feel. A bad bounce, a fluke shot, a doubtful offside decision, all these things can sway a Cup-tie. But whether Manchester City win, lose or draw—and I know many people are tipping them for the Cup—they are in my view the football team of the year.

I think we all expect high powered shows from Wolves. They have had a great team for years. But Manchester City have been among football's stragglers until this season, when the Revie-lutionary plan was adopted.

Wherever football is talked—in dressing rooms, on trains, on the way to the ground—the chief topic has been Manchester City's deep-lying centre-forward style of play, with Don Revie as the key man.

I can speak with a little feeling on this subject. The first time I ever saw a centre-forward scheme was in Switzerland in 1947. The Swiss had a centre-forward named Bickel and an extremely fast inside-forward called Fink. Mr Bickel and Mr Fink gave the England defence plenty to think about. Our problem was should Neil Franklin, our centre-half, shadow the centre-forward, or should he stay back and cover the inside forward lying well upfield to take the through balls from Bickel.

Centre-halves are still facing the same problem with Revie. And it is a problem. Switzerland won that match against England 1-0, and you can tell how successful their tactical plan was because the England team that day consisted of Swift, Scott, Hardwick, Wright, Franklin, Lowe, Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion, Lawton.

You must admit that wasn't a bad England side. But even so, they were unsettled by the deep-lying centre-forward plan. The next time I saw it in action was when Hungary tore England to shreds at Wembley in 1953, when they won 6-3. That day Hidegkuti, who wore the No. 9 shirt of a centre-forward, was back inside the penalty area, rubbing England players, yet he still had the stamina to get to the other end to score three goals.

## NOT FOR ALL

Why doesn't every team adopt the deep-lying centre-forward style of play? Because it just isn't possible, whatever football fans may think.

Last season West Bromwich Albion had Ronnie Allen playing deep, picking up the loose balls and whipping them through for the inside men. When we played West Brom in the Cup Final, this style of play was considered very carefully by the Preston team.

We decided that Allen must not be chased by our centre-half, Joe Minton. He was to close the middle no matter who was coming through. The nearest wing-half, or nearest man, was to challenge Allen when he had the ball.

Well, we lost the final. But I still think it is the best way of combating the deep-lying centre-forward style whether played by Ronnie Allen or Don Revie.

The difference between Allen and Revie is this. Allen is a very quick mover. Revie, a former inside forward and wing half, goes much deeper for the

ball, and he often stops it before sending it on its way.

Preston were the first side to play against the Revie plan. On the very first day of this season, Manchester City came to Deepdale and were beaten 3-0. Everyone thought it was the death of the Revie plan, and that Revie, a brilliant ball player, would soon be back at wing-half or inside-forward.

To this everlasting credit of the Manchester City club they refused to be panicked into ditching their new-found plan. The only reason Preston beat them was because our wing halves Docherty and Forbes, and the inside forwards Baxter and Foster were right on top of their form. We had four men playing brilliantly in the no-man's-land in midfield. Above all, our centre-half, Marston, was never once pulled out of the middle.

But City perfected their plan, and when Preston were at Maine Road later in the season we lost 3-1 and it could have been six or seven. The Revie plan had come to stay, and I believe while we have players of Revie's calibre to carry it out we will have deep-lying centre forwards in our game for many years.

Frankly, I think it is a fascinating game to watch. That's why I think City are the team of the season. Revie is really playing the role which Alex James, my old idol, used to adopt with Arsenal.

## FIRST ESSENTIAL

The first essential is positional sense. There is no use having a man of exceptional stamina if he is running all over the field and yet never in the clear to give and take a pass. Here lies the genius of Revie. He watches him when Trautmann throws the ball out. There is Revie unmarked with plenty of room to collect the ball.

The next important factor in the plan is that Revie must always be in close contact with his wing halves. Paul and Barnes, so that he can give and take the short pass.

Watch how Revie takes the ball upfield in this way, from his own 18 yard line. One of the secrets of Revie's success is the fact that Barnes, his right-half, is a very good attacking player, who is always close to Revie to help him when he is in trouble.

The third most important point is that the deep-lying centre-forward must not only be a clever ball player able to beat a man, but he should be able to place his long passes with slide rule accuracy. If he places a bad pass his own side will be in trouble.

Add to this a bounding energy and terrific love of the game, which makes a man run miles in a match, even when he is not touching the ball, and there you have the chief essentials of the Revie plan.

So please don't think this plan is the panacea for all our Soccer ills. It is a plan which will work only when you have a master footballer like Revie or Ralph Carter or Mannion to spray out the passes accurately. Without that key link, the plan falls flat.

But I am sure all football lovers will agree with me that when Manchester City's team clicks into action it is sheer Soccer artistry with the forwards attacking capably, switching the opposing defence wide open with their passes.

Just as Spurs, Manchester United and Wolves have added greatly to Soccer prestige by their great displays in English League Soccer, so I am sure that Manchester City's team will go down as one of the most fascinating to watch in recent years.

The more styles of play we get in English Soccer the more entertaining it will be—and it is the surest way I know of bringing in the crowds.

## COACHING HINT

You can often pick out a class team by their slick moves from a throw-in. The bad side merely throws the ball in, as though it is a chore they don't relish. The good side uses the throw-in to start moves.

There are a variety of these. Talk it over with the wing halves, and work out an understanding. Let the wing-half signal: if he picks the ball up with his left hand, he will be pre-arranged to throw in. If he picks it up with the right hand he will be doing something different. If he picks it up with both hands he will be operating a third move, and so on.

One of our moves at Preston is for Tommy Docherty to be ready to take the throw-in. By pre-arranged signal my inside partner, usually Bobby Foster, and myself run towards Docherty. Instead of the ball coming straight to my feet, it is thrown into the open space where Foster had been standing.

I then collect the ball as it falls over my shoulder. It is all a question of timing. But I'm not going to tell you the signal which Docherty gives us for this move!

## Executive Officers Win Friendly Cricket

In a friendly cricket match held last Saturday, at the KGV School ground the Hongkong Government Executive Officers beat the Navy Stores by 52 runs.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**  
J. Heywood, c. Sanders b. 0  
N. Davies 1-3 2-50 3-50  
N. Bradbridge, b. Davies 37  
D. Readman, b. Bradley 37  
K. Forrow, c. Davies b. 0  
Bradley 0  
R. Thompson, c. Sanders b. 15  
C. Davies 15  
A. Bailey lbw b. C. Davies 5  
S. Readhead b. Torrington 17  
T. Reynolds c. N. Davies b. 12  
J. Mitchell lbw b. Bradley 0  
M. Sergeant c. Hammond b. 0  
C. Davies 6  
L. Thomas Not out 6  
Extras 9

**NAVY STORES**  
M. Torrington, lbw b. 22  
Thompson 1  
E. Bradley, lbw b. Mitchell 1  
P. Maddock, c. b. Mitchell 8  
C. Davies, b. Thompson 15  
H. Sanders, c. Readhead b. 9  
Readman 11  
E. Frowell, c. b. Readman 2  
R. Roberts, c. at wkt. b. 2  
Thompson 0  
W. McKinnon, b. Readman 1  
N. Davies, Not out 1  
F. Clark, c. at wkt. b. 1  
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J. Hammond, b. Readman 0  
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**BOWLING ANALYSIS**  
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## Navy Man Wins 1,500 Metres Swim

Mexico City, Mar. 20. American swimmers took up where the track and field athletics left off today as they captured two out of three final events in the Pan American Games and came close to a world record in a preliminary heat.

At the same time, Argentina won four out of the seven swimming races, but United States won the other three—including the "big two" in eight-oared crew and sculling singles.

The 1,500-metre swim championship went to Jimmy McLane, the Navy man from Yale University. Wanda Lee Warner (USA) annexed the 200-metre free-style for women, and Hector Dominguez of Argentina won the man's 200-metre breast-stroke.

In the preliminaries for the women's 100-metre butterfly, Betty Mullen, (USA) was clocked 1:10.3—one of the fastest times ever recorded, but slightly short of the world mark.

The other event at the university pool was the three-metre diving championship and that went to favoured Joaquín Capilla of Mexico.—United Press.

## 72 LAA "A" Wins Blarney Stone Seven-A-Side Knock-Out Competition

By "PAK LO"

In a rather disappointing encounter on Saturday afternoon the 72nd LAA "A" team beat 25 Field Regt. "A", by 6 points (2 tries) to nil, in the Finals of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Knockout Competition.

The Blarney Stone Shield and a replica was presented to Thomas, the Captain of the winning team, by Lt-Col. Dowbiggin after the game.

The Fijians were also seen during the afternoon, but in a way they were a distinct disappointment. Every game was exciting, a thriller when the Fijians "A", and "B" teams met, but instead of playing Sevens they played touch rugby, which while it showed off their amazing speed, was not what was wanted.

It was officially called Sevens, but only twice in the game did any Fijian tackle an other man.

**ONLY SURPRISE**  
The only surprise of the afternoon was the defeat of the Far East Farm "A" team by the 25th Field "A" Sevens.

**Quarter-Finals: 25th Field "A" v 42nd Field "A"**

In the first few minutes 25th Field "A" scored when Walker took the ball down the wing to score under the posts. 25th Field were five points up. The 25th attacked again with the ball at their feet but kicked it over the dead ball line.

In the second half 25th Field nearly scored again, when they started a three-quarter move from midfield, but one of their players when feet from the line and absolutely in the clear slipped and measured his length. Although 25th Field won they were not impressive.

**Far East Farm "A" v 27 HAA "A"**

This was a much better game. In fact it was one of the best of the afternoon. Parkinson, and Tossell, were the stars of the Farmers.

The 27th attacked from the start, and within a minute were awarded a penalty on the Farmer's 25. They kicked up into the air, but were themselves offside, and the Farmer's cleared.

The 27th pressed back, and on the 25, the ball went loose and one of the 27th snatched it up and dropped a lovely angled goal, 3-0.

Immediately the Farmers swept up the field to 35 yards from the line. There they were awarded a penalty and Parkinson dropped a beautiful goal, 3-3.

**ATTACKED AGAIN**  
In the second half, the 27th attacked again, and a three-quarter move took them to the Farmer's 25. Another three move and they scored near the posts. The conversion was missed, 6-3.

The Farmers pressed back, but a penalty on the 27th let the latter kick upfield. However, Tossell was there to gather, and whipped down the wing to the 27th's 25. The ball came down a scrum, to Parkinson took the kick, and the 27th were disallowed as one of the 27th shouted at the wrong moment.

Then to square things up Parkinson had a necessary minute aberration and attempted to ruck the ball. So the kick was disallowed. This brought the end of the second half with the score still 6-6.

In the extra time the Farmers took the ball upfield to within fifteen yards of their goal, and then sent their three away to score and win.

Geoffrey Brooke has not taken long to establish himself since he set up as a public trainer. He has charge of nearly 70 horses at Clarendon, where so many famous horses have been trained in the past.

What memories the place brings back to me. Spicemint, Spion Kop, Town Guard, Hamster, and so on. Pretty Polly was just before my time.

The late Peter Purcell Gilpin was a master of his craft. Geoffrey Brooke is young enough to prove a worthy successor.

The star performer in the team is OUR BABU, the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas.

A progressive two-year-old, he wound up with victories in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, and the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket. That earned him top-weight in the Free Handicap. The top-cared half-brother to King of the Tudors has made at least normal improvement from two to three years of age.

He has not grown to any marked extent, but has let down and put on weight. He has the right temperament and is never happier than when doing battle in a close finish.



Lincoln entry THE BLESSING at exercise with Jill Collins.

He will have an outing before the 2,000 Guineas and there will be no doubt about him staying the mile.

**STABLE STRENGTH**  
The Lincolnshire Handicap candidate THE BLESSING does not require much work and will be fit enough to do himself justice.

Whether he can stay a mile I do not know, but he is a winner at seven furlongs and horses of that type have won the Lincolnshire in the past.

I know I could well be on a good hiding to nothing, for a walk round the yard is not the same as seeing the horses at exercise. But I could not help thinking that, apart from Our Babu, the strength of the stable lies in the two-year-olds.

There are close on 40, and they make more appeal than the majority of the three-year-olds. FAIRIE DANCE is typical of her sire Danie. A beautifully balanced filly of medium size, she is all quality, and I could well believe the trainer when he said that she moved well.

PRETORIA is a beautiful filly, and I found it difficult to fault her. She is a daughter of Precipice and takes after him in colour.

PEACEMAKER is a sharp and neatly framed daughter of Fair Trial, who has not lost the knack of siring good-looking stock. There should be no doubt about Peacemaker having a turn of speed, and she looks like coming early to hand.

FAST PACKET is a Precipice colt with a taking outline. It should not be long before he finds his form.

**POWERFUL**  
DEVON MINSTREL is a shapely Tudor Minstrel filly of medium size. There is a sharp look about her and I fancy we shall see her before the season is far advanced.

WINGS OF ARABY is a powerfully built grey daughter of The Phoenix. She may want more time than some of the others, but a little patience will be justified. The newly framed STANDARD ROSE is well balanced and should be an early winner.

ROMEO is the first foal of the Royal Hunt Cup winner, Val d'Ausa, who was a good mare when at her best. Her son is by Amour Drake and is such a stylish colt that it looks certain the dam will do just as well at the stud as she did on the racecourse.

**IMPRESSIVE**  
I was greatly attracted to BAYARD who is a half-brother to Sunny Bree and Sun God.

The 72nd pressed from the start and never looked like losing. Although they missed two penalty attempts in the first three minutes, they made up for it very shortly when Patterson scored in the corner after a nice run from a scrum on the 25th Field's 25. 3-0. The conversion was missed.

**PRESSED BACK**  
25th Field pressed back, and on the 72nd 25 won a line-out and kicked ahead. The ball rolled over the line and one of the 25th Field dived at it. To settle any arguments about this I was at this point, directly above the 72nd's in goal area, and the man definitely failed to touch the ball down.

In the closing minutes of the second half the 72nd hammered home their win, when from a scrum Collins went blind to score well out. The conversion was missed, 6-0.

**BLARNEY STONE FINALISTS**  
72 LAA "A": Miller, Patterson, Brentford, Collins, Thomas, Taylor, Abbottson.  
25th Field "A": Bates, McClean, Walker, Rawson, Northcote, Turner.

This almost brings us to the end of the rugby season for yet another year. Usually there is only the Club versus Wayfoong game to play, but the RAF have challenged the Army to one final game.

The Wayfoong-Club game will take place on Wednesday, March 23, at 5.30 p.m. on the Club ground, and the Army-RAF match will take place on the Club ground on March 28, at 6.00 p.m.

## Round the Stables with JAMES PARK

# Our Babu has the right temperament

TODAY'S REPORT:  
GEOFFREY BROOKE

This well developed colt should make a name for himself.

DRUMHEAD is a big, strongly framed grey son of Court Martial. It will be to his advantage if he fines down a bit, but if he lives up to his pedigree he will show a bright turn of speed.

I was impressed with the appearance of a colt and a filly by Tenebris. The colt is named THE TUSCAR and there is much to commend him.

The filly, MAHARANI, is thick-set and stocky, and looks like standing up to any amount of work.

Turning from the two-year-olds, there is DURANTE, now seven years old, and as full of himself as ever.

He likes the Liverpool and Kempton courses and will be fit enough to do himself justice in the Liverpool Cup in the first week of the season.

FULBROOK is a staying four-year-old who is stronger than in his second season. In the right company he will play his way.

There is nothing approaching the class of Our Babu among the three-year-olds, but some of them will be placed to win.

I predict a successful season for ANNE OF ORANGE. She was much too backward to give a clue to her real ability as a two-year-old.

She has filled out well and while there may be stamina limitations she will repay the patience that has been bestowed on her.

## TURN OF SPEED

MARTIAL LAW is another who outgrew his strength as a two-year-old. He is a son of Court Martial, whose stock do not always train on. Martial Law should be an exception. BLUEBOTTLE was unlucky not to win in her first season, and has a turn of speed.

Geoffrey Brooke has never had so many bright prospects in the two-year-old division, and he has always been a specialist in that line. He should pay a prominent part in juvenile racing, and whatever his fate, Our Babu will battle to the last gasp in the 2,000 Guineas.

—(London Express Service)



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## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed).....







## US Air Force Consolidates Base System

Wiesbaden, Mar. 20. The United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE) has consolidated in the past year a system of 53 operational air bases, extending from Britain to North Africa, employing nearly 250,000 men and women.

The annual cost exceeds 750,000,000 dollars (over £25,000,000). Almost all the continental European bases, with the notable exception of headquarters at Wiesbaden, are west of the Rhine, the main west European river barrier in the plan of an aggressor from the East. Wiesbaden is a few kilometres across the Rhine. The other bases further east are mainly for training and transport purposes.

**THREE SUPPLY BASES**  
The United States Air Force in Europe relies on three main supply bases, at Burtonwood, in Northern England, for the northern force; at Chateauroux, in France, for the central force; and at Nouasseur, near Casablanca, in French Morocco, for the southern force.

The Chateauroux base, in particular, has been greatly developed in the past year. Twelve miles of new roads, nine 200-bed dormitories, two dining halls each with accommodation for 2,000 men, two service clubs, hospital, a gymnasium, and a bowling alley have replaced the former city of tents and made what used to be a most unpopular posting into one of the most desirable in the Command.

Other bases in France are at Chaumont and Toul. These and Chateauroux shelter, in addition to their own squadrons, a wing of fighter-bombers destined for bases at Chambley and Etain, whose completion has been delayed by bad weather. Bases at Billburg, Spangdahlem, and Hahn, in the French Zone of Germany, are also sheltering fighter-bombers for these two bases.

Further bases are under construction in France at Phalsbourg (Phalsburg), in Lorraine, and Dreux and Evreux, in Normandy. New aircraft brought into the Command during the year included 111 F-57 reconnaissance machines, the American version of the British Canberra, and the highly secret Matador pilotless bombers.

Economy of materials and more ambitious repairs resulted in the servicing of aircraft which it would have cost 345,000,000 dollars (over £115,000,000), or half the Command's total budget, to replace. The increased use of air transport reduced by one quarter the travelling time for certain supplies.

Over 7,000 more civilians than a year ago are employed in various countries, bringing the total up to 38,500. This has freed 10,300 Air Force men for other duties. In this connection, it is explained that the civilian does not do the work of one-half airmen, but does not need supporting staff, such as cooks, doctors, and pay clerks.

**ONE THIRD**  
Also, since he lives at home and does not require after duty Air Force care, he costs about one third as much as an airman.

A sizable reduction in the flying accident rate was achieved in 1954. Contrary to popular belief, the percentage of accidents for jet aircraft was lower than the general rate of 20 accidents per 100,000 flying hours. Altogether, there were 110 accidents, representing a reduction of 40 per cent. Standard rules have been introduced for the operation of each type of aircraft.

Six hundred rescue missions helped 9,000 people in distress, particularly during the floods in Pakistan and the Danube valley, the Austrian avalanche disaster, and the Algerian earthquake.

Television was started in the Command, beginning with Libya, where entertainment is scarce. Five more stations are planned.

De-requisitioning of German property was speeded up with the approach of West German sovereignty. At Wiesbaden, two hotels are to be built soon for officers in transit. Women's Air Force officers and civilians are present used by the Air Force may be handed back.

The West German Government is paying for the hotels, small skyscrapers with 600 rooms altogether, costing about 3,000,000 dollars. They will be German property when they are no longer needed by the United States Air Force.

**FIVE NEW CHURCHES**  
Five new churches have been built in the Command, and here in Wiesbaden every church is filled on Sundays.

Housing programmes have made similar progress, while profits have been put to good use in North Africa and caravans in France-China Mail Special.

## N.Y. STOCK MARKET REVIEW

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Mar. 20.

The stock market last week set records for a long time in decline, recovery, heavy sales of volume, and light sales volume, and closed the week with a small average net gain.

The Monday session saw the widest intra-day break since Nov. 11, 1929. At closing the industrial average was down 9.72 points, widest for a close since June 26, 1950, the session after the Korean war started.

Rails on Monday had their widest decline—27 points—since Sept. 3, 1948. Utilities, off 1.06, suffered their worst drop since June 29, 1950. Sales on Monday totaled 4,220,000 shares, the fourth time this year the volume has exceeded 4,000,000 shares.

**SWING FORWARD**

On Tuesday, the market swung forward almost as fast as it had declined on Monday. The industrial average that day closed with a gain of 7.92 points, widest advance since Sept. 5, 1949, the session after World War II started. Rails and Utilities made smaller recoveries.

At the close on this week Monday after the big break the previous week, the industrial average had a drop for the five declining sessions of 28.22 points; Rails, 11.00 points and Utilities 3.36 points.

Altogether the drop wiped out \$10,000,000,000 from the valuation of listed issues.

What pleased the financial district was the fact that the decline ended just above the lows set on Jan. 19 when another break had followed a rise earlier in the year. This, said the experts, was a successful test of those lows.

**NEW BASE**

Some others, however, felt that the market might again test the low levels. Others said it was regaining confidence and making a base for a new recovery movement, possibly to new highs.

The subsequent recovery in the past four market days this week restored 13.39 points to the industrial average, a recovery of 47 per cent. Rails came back 3.92 points or 36 per cent and Utilities 1.52 points or 45 per cent.

Overall the market regained more than \$4,000,000,000 of the \$10,000,000,000 it had lost on the decline.—United Press.

## U.S. Cotton Consumption

Washington, Mar. 20.

The Commerce Department reported today that cotton consumed in the seven months ended February 28 totalled 5,129,907 bales compared to 5,107,216 in the like period a year before.

Consumption in February was 720,815 bales compared to 689,540 last February.

Officials reported that cotton on hand in consuming establishments at the end of February totalled 1,877,945 bales compared with 1,821,878 a year earlier. Stocks on hand in public storage, and at companies on correspondent dates amounted to 12,741,826 bales against 11,528,162.

Active cotton consuming spindles at the end of February totalled 1,944,000 against 17,008,000 a year earlier.—United Press.

## U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Mar. 20.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to March 15 were as follows:

Britain 1,215,000  
Continental Europe 1,215,000  
Japan 1,215,000  
Other 1,215,000  
Total 4,850,000  
Same period last year 4,850,000

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Lancashire Cotton Leaders Will Meet Premier This Week GLOOMY REPORT

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Mar. 20.

O.E.E.C.'s gloomy report on West European textile industry will strengthen the hand of Lancashire spokesmen who are meeting Sir Winston Churchill and other Cabinet ministers this week to discuss the crisis in the British cotton industry.

Problems that confront the industry are tending to multiply. The point has been reached where foreign competitors having already deprived Lancashire of much of its export trade, are now threatening it in its own domestic market. And this the industry feels is where the Government should step in with some form of protection.

The root of the trouble is the growing volume of grey cloth imported into Britain from India, a country that was once Lancashire's biggest overseas customer.

These imports which increased from 10 million square yards in 1953 to 133 million last year constitute the greatest threat to Lancashire's livelihood. Unlike imports of grey cloth from Japan which must be re-exported after processing in this country, those from India come into direct competition with Lancashire products in the home market. According to a Government estimate one half of the cloth imported from India last year was re-exported.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
Lancashire producers wouldn't mind this so much if they were given equal opportunities to compete in the Indian market. But this is far from the case. Imports from India are allowed to enter Britain duty free. But exports from Lancashire are subject to prohibitive import duty on entering India.

Partly as a result of this direct competition in their home market and partly through the loss of export trade to their Japanese rivals, Lancashire cotton mills are facing one of their worst crises.

Mr Kenneth Boardman, prominent Lancashire industrialist, said last week that of fourteen mills with which he is connected "the spinning section has booked less than 50 per cent of its production during the past eight weeks." In the same period one weaving shed with a thousand looms had not been able to book 20 per cent of its production.

**FORWARD ORDERS**  
Forward orders were virtually non-existent, he said, and hundreds of mills in Lancashire were in similar or worse plight.

Mr Boardman has no doubt where the main trouble lies. India, he said, is dumping vast quantities of cloth into Britain helped by her own raw cotton subsidy and the fact that no duty is imposed on her cloth in Britain. Indians on the other hand are determined not to take any Lancashire cloth.

Reports come in daily of cotton companies which have been forced to close down temporarily or go into other businesses. So far there has been no serious decline in employment but there is little doubt that many mills are keeping workers on their books even though they cannot be fully employed in the hope that trade will pick up again shortly.

**ELEVEN OUT**

The number of factories engaged in the industry is the lowest for 75 years. Eleven more went right out of business last year. The number of spindles in operation fell by more than 1,100,000 and there were over 1,000 fewer looms at work than in 1953.

The problem would be relieved but not solved if Government restricted the imports of Indian cloth either by raising an

## International Bank Bonds

Washington, Mar. 21. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development announced here today that it will issue \$15,000,000 worth of bonds on the Canadian market today.

These bonds will bear an interest of 3½ per cent and will be redeemable in 10 years. This is the third operation of this kind to be launched in Canada by the World Bank.—France-Press.

## World Trade In Cotton Textiles

Washington, Mar. 20. WORLD trade in cotton textiles increased about ten per cent in 1954, the March review of the International cotton advisory committee showed today.

Exports in the free world were estimated at 5,200,000,000 square yards, a substantial increase over exports in 1952 and 1953.

The committee said Japan showed a marked increase in trade during 1954, although exports still were less than half the pre-war total.

A downward trend in textile exports to the United Kingdom has continued uninterrupted since the boom years of 1950 and 1951. Last year the United Kingdom's exports were only one-third of their pre-war volume.

India and the United States are the major exporters of cotton exports. India exported 800,000,000 square yards last year, and the United States exported 605,000,000 square yards.

With the exception of Italy, exports of continental Western Europe now are higher than they were before World War II.—United Press.

## Pakistan And Germany Trade Deal

Karachi, Mar. 20.

Pakistan today signed an 18-month trade agreement with West Germany.

Under the agreement Pakistan will export jute, cotton, hides, sports goods and carpets to Germany and will import from that country metals, alloys, chemicals, photographic and optical equipment and vehicles.

The Ministry of Commerce announcement said the agreement provided that imports from Germany "will be allowed on as favourable a basis as those of any other country in accordance with import policy."

It also provides for consultation on educational and training facilities for Pakistanis, and on Pakistan's technical assistance requirements.—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Mar. 20.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Mar. 10, reads as follows:

Total gold holding 201,251,425.20  
Total other currencies 11,346,258.20  
Right balance abroad 72,496,412.194  
Advances to Govt 211,700,000,000  
Total bills discounted 1,159,997,490,000  
Bank notes in circulation 1,332,738,908,248  
Current accounts and deposits 110,117,127,407  
—United Press.

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## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$500,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC Bank 1050 12 1570

East Asia 200

INSURANCES

Union 902½ 50

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf 60

Provident (O) 110

W. All 720 2000 7 15

LAND, ETC.

HSBC Hotel 1030 10½ 200 10 20

HSBC Land 65 60 62½ 65

Humphreys 2230 300 22½

Electric 202½ 300 30½

Utilities

Trans. Co. 2010

Yatmen Ferry 115 2500 17½

C. Light (O) 1780 15 1500 17½

C. Light (N) 14 10 1430 500 1420

Electric 35 35½ 100 35

Telephone 31½ 32½ 2000 32

INDUSTRIALS

Cement X All 20.00 20.70 1500 20.70

STORES, ETC.

Dairy 22.90

Watson 10 40 10 60

COTTONS

Textile Corp 620

Nanyang 635

MISCELLANEOUS

Allied 4.02½ 4.00 15,000 4.45

British 8700 4½

Consolidated 2000 4.00

Ordinary 1000 4.575

South 4000 4.55

2500 4.225

Malayan Breweries 8250

Raffles Hotel 2370

United Bank 3370

South British Insurance 225.20

Strait Trading 225.00

United Engineers 610.75

Wan 111.50

United Bank 21.50

Hongkong & Shanghai 28.50

Petaling 37.75

with div.—China Mail Special.

**The Bank Of England**

Statement

London, Mar. 20.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Mar. 16, reads as follows:

Note in circulation 1,680,274,830  
Public deposits 21,200,000  
Private deposits 25,702,130  
Government securities 27,001,029  
Other securities 34,123,168  
Receipts 41,408,578  
Ratio —United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local

unofficial exchange market this

morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 18.80

Swiss franc (per 100) 18.80

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 18.80

Singapore (Straits) 1.90

Indo-China piastre (per 100) 9.97

## London Markets Assume Brighter Look

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 20.

London stock markets took on a distinctly brighter look last week. With the recovery on Wall Street and the opening of the new account—the first of the Stock Exchange year—buyers returned and "bears" were obliged to run for cover.

Buying back by operators who sold short, gambling on prices falling still further accounted for the sharpness of the week's rise in both Government securities and industrial shares. But the "bear squeeze" was accompanied by a fair amount of genuine investment buying and this became more evident on Friday following Mr Butler's encouraging statement on the effect of the bank rate increase.

Gilt-edged securities led the recovery and some sharp price rises were recorded, especially among long dated stocks. War Loan 3½ per cent went up from £81½ to £85½ and 2½ per cent Consols from £80½ to £84 with other stocks showing rises of £2 and more.

The setback on Wall Street at the beginning of the week kept industrial shares rather depressed at first, but with the opening of the new account on Wednesday coinciding with the strong recovery in the New York market, prices began to move vigorously ahead.

**INDEX FALLS**

The Financial Times industrial share index which closed the previous week at 175.9 fell slightly to a new 1955 low of 175.7 on Tuesday and then advanced to 181.4 by Thursday's close—a rise of 5.7 in two days.

Most of the top grade equities finished shillings higher on the week. Imperial Tobacco gained 10½d to 62½d, ICI 1½d to 41½d, Unilever 4½d to 70½d, 3d, Turner and Newall 3½d to 10½d 4½d and Great Universal Stores 4½d to 62½d.

There were numerous other gains ranging to four shillings.

The question in the market now is whether the decline has been finally halted. There can be no certainty about this until the bank rate medicine has worked its way through the economic system. It is true, as Mr Butler pointed out, that it

Purely economic considerations though are not all that matter in the stock markets. They are often not even an important influence. Some part of last week's buying, for example, undoubtedly stemmed from the Parliamentary Labour Party which hinted (to say the least) at a resounding Socialist defeat at the next general election.

In other markets oils were dull at first in sympathy with Wall Street, but prices recovered later to show appreciable gains on the week. British Petroleum moved up from 71s to 74s 6d and Shell was 6s 6d better at 125s. The market was unaffected by the European Economic Commission's criticism of oil prices.

Copper shares benefited from the general improvement in sentiment as did teas and rubbers. Gold shares also made good gains.

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### SERIOUS LABOUR PARTY CLEAVAGE

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 16.

The Australian Labour Party at the moment is facing one of those crises which occasionally sweep through the Movement—and eventually pass on leaving it stronger than ever.

At the annual conference in Hobart—the Party's parliament—police have been called, there have been brawls, and a major walkout which leaves the conference unable to function.

The present brawl has been boiling up for many months with the trouble centre in Victoria, industrial groups in the unions, first set up to combat Communism, a ghost-like movement known as the Movement, a backstage figure, Mr. Santamaría, the Roman Catholic Church and the leadership of Dr. Ewart have all played their part in bringing about the present crisis.

The present unprecedented scenes in Hobart—unprecedented even in Labour's stormy history—has been brought about because the credentials of six Victorian delegates have been rejected and they cannot attend the Hobart conference.

These excluded delegates blocked the doors and refused to allow other delegates to enter the meeting room. Yesterday there was a complete split in the meeting, and unless strenuous efforts are made it could be that the conference will be abandoned.

With Labour preparing to fight an all-out election in NSW this isn't a good time to have these donnybrooks.

It is somewhat natural that the Liberal Party is having a hearty laugh at the moment but the Party chiefs there would do well to remember that Labour periodically goes through a crisis, a purge, cleans its ranks and comes back stronger than ever.

The ousting of the all-powerful Lang back in the 30's is evidence of that.

**EVERYTHING BUT GUNS**  
Spike Jones and his merry boys hit town this week to help swell the noise which various American great and near-great are making all over the Continent.

Spike has brought everything with him but guns. He has guitars which shoot pingpong balls, bagpipes which explode, a cello that blows up, tuned cow bells, car horns and whistles.

"We brought everything but our tuned pistols," he said. "They wouldn't let us bring them."

"All told, there're 38 cubic tons of gear."

And with 38 tons of gear, there's no knowing what new noises might be produced.

Cry singer Johnny Ray, of course, is still with us and bringing as many scuzzies as ever.

He is so popular that teenagers—and some not so teen—now get down to the depths of pulling his trousers to pieces. Maybe we're back in the cowboy and Indian days, but cheers and claps used to get by then.

Incidentally, a Sydney trouser firm has sent Johnny along a pair of strides guaranteed not to tear.

**NEW TERM OPENS**  
Sydney University opened its new term this week with 1,965 "freshers". University Registrar, Mr. W. H. Mares, thinks 1955 will be the peak year for the University when 12,000 students should be enrolled.

The University is like a world in miniature with well over 300 students enrolled from other countries.

India Kurukal, 28, an Indian student studying nursing, gives colour to the University with her brilliantly coloured saris; Katherine Lau is a Chinese medical student from Hongkong; Marina Petunin is a Russian dental student, Ingrid Tukens is a Latvian-born and studying Arts; Gordon Graham, an American, is doing dentistry.

There are two blind Australian girls taking Arts, and a blind Australian-born Chinese girl has enrolled for evening lectures.

**INLAND SEA**  
As NSW struggles back from the floods, a huge inland sea has spread over Queensland. At the weekend at least 288,000 square miles of the State were underwater.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now don't tell me I have to go on a diet, Doctor, if it isn't necessary—I have a son in medical school to check on you!"

### Governor Lauds The Tung Wah Hospitals

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG paid an official visit to the Kwong Wah Hospital in Kowloon this morning. The Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr the Hon. K. C. Yeo, was also present.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Grantham, thanked the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals for their welcome. He said they were doing an excellent job and commented on the fact that the directors were universally respected and held in high esteem.

The following is the text of His Excellency's address: "I never cease to be amazed at the public spirit of the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospitals over the years. The time and energy that they give to this charitable organisation, or should I say 'organisations,' is really remarkable. And not only do they do this work without any monetary reward, but they themselves dip deep into their own pockets. No wonder is it, therefore, that the Directors are universally respected and held in high regard."

"Even if the population of Hongkong were static and if all the buildings of the Tung Wah Group were up to date, both in structure and equipment, the task of running the organisation, and the other charitable activities of the Tung Wah, would be formidable enough. But none of these things applies."

"The population has grown by leaps and bounds and is still growing, and many of the buildings of the Tung Wah are very out of date and far too small. There is therefore, an almost frightening amount of work still to be done. Of this the Directors are only too conscious. You, Mr. Chairman, have already told us of some of the things that you and your colleagues have done during the past year."

**EXCELLENT RECORD**  
"It is an excellent record, covering as it does such things as new building construction, both for hospitals and schools, the operation of night out-patient services, new ambulances and so on. I congratulate you on it. I would, however, in particular like to refer to the administrative side. You yourself have touched on this and I myself commented on it last year when I referred to the desirability of appointing a competent bursar."

"This you have done. But you decided that this was not sufficient, and that it is necessary to engage a firm of chartered accountants to bring your accounts and the accounting system up to date in every respect. It would have been easy for you not to have done this, but just to have let things slide. But no, you said to yourselves, 'If we don't take this step now there may be financial chaos in a few years' time.'"

"Indeed there might, for the Tung Wah is now so much larger and spends so much more money than it used to do, not many years ago, that it is imperative that your administrative system should be organised on the best possible lines. This has been the experience of voluntary organisations in other parts of the world which like

the Tung Wah have grown from small beginnings to what are almost vast business organisations."

**WISE DECISION**  
"I commend you for your wisdom and foresight. What you have done and are doing in this regard may not be spectacular but it is essential, and I am sure that future generations of directors will be grateful for what you have done. It does of course mean that some of the more ambitious of your schemes, schemes that are necessary, must be temporarily deferred."

"For example you have decided that the actual building of the two new wings of the Tung Wah Hospital for which you have raised the money and prepared the plans, should await the accountant's report. This is an unselfish decision and a wise one which has my full approval for without a firm administrative and accounting base it would be more than rash to undertake large new commitments."

"The Tung Wah organisation is one of the most important, if not the most important, charitable organisations in the Colony. Hongkong could not do without it. We are fortunate indeed that you and your intelligent colleagues are willing to give their services to the community and to serve as Directors. You have followed the best traditions of your predecessors and have made it easier for your successors to carry on the good work. I thank and congratulate you."

**Radio Hongkong**  
H.K.T. 6, Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6:00, Children's Half Hour presented by Joan and Valerie (Studio); 6:30, Australian Trade Catalogue, The Fortnightly Review of Australian Industry, 6:45, Songs We Remember, The Robert Shaw Chorale, 7:15, "Box 200" Bert Elliott (Studio); 8:00, Commentary (London Relay); 8:30, Commentary (London Relay); 9:00, Special Announcement, 9:15, "Box 200" Bert Elliott (Studio); 9:30, Commentary (London Relay); 10:00, Commentary (London Relay); 10:30, Commentary (London Relay); 11:00, Commentary (London Relay); 11:30, Commentary (London Relay); 12:00, Commentary (London Relay); 12:30, Commentary (London Relay); 1:00, Commentary (London Relay); 1:30, Commentary (London Relay); 2:00, Commentary (London Relay); 2:30, Commentary (London Relay); 3:00, Commentary (London Relay); 3:30, Commentary (London Relay); 4:00, Commentary (London Relay); 4:30, Commentary (London Relay); 5:00, Commentary (London Relay); 5:30, Commentary (London Relay); 6:00, Commentary (London Relay); 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